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## CANTON AWAITS REDS' ENTRY

Negotiations For Peaceful  
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## RIVER BRIDGE BLOWN UP

Thousands of Communist troops, poised at half an hour's bus ride from downtown Canton, were expected to march into the city during the night, according to a United Press telephone report from the surrounded city at 9 p.m. yesterday.

ss. Fat Shan  
Arrives From  
Canton

Shortly after midnight yesterday, the ss. Fat Shan was seen entering the harbour on its arrival from Canton, with load of evacuees from that city.

Up to late last night, the ss. Sing Hing, also expected from Canton, did not yet arrive. The ss. Wing Hing, which was scheduled to leave harbour at 10 p.m. last night for Canton with 100 passengers was still at its place late last night.

All three ships fly the British flag.

Li Tsung-jen  
Expected In  
Chungking

Chungking, October 14. Flag-checked Chungking is awaiting the arrival of Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

Press reports last night said he was in Kweilin, conferring with General Pai Chung-hai before coming on to Chungking. This city is due to resume officially tomorrow the role of China's Nationalist provisional capital—a role it held during the Japanese war.

No foreign diplomats have arrived, but Robert Strong, U.S. Charge d'Affaires, is expected tomorrow from Hong Kong.

## Talks In Taiwan

Lieutenant General Chu Shih-min, Nationalist China's top representative in Japan, returned to Tokyo tonight from a flying visit to Taiwan where he conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Premier Yen Hsi-shan and Governor Chen Chen on what he described as "plans for expediting trade between Japan and Taiwan," reports United Press from Tokyo.

General Chu said the Generalissimo had left Taiwan and was "somewhere up around the front lines" in South China. Premier Yen was still in Taiwan on a mission which took him from Canton aboard the Generalissimo's personal plane.

General Chu said his discussion in Formosa is expected to lead to the sending of a trade mission to Tokyo in the near future.—Associated Press and United Press.

MOSCOW CHINESE  
GET EXIT VISAS

Moscow, October 14. Cheng Ting, the Kuomintang's Charge d'Affaires here, announced today that 50 members of the Chinese Embassy with their families have received Soviet exit visas and plan to leave next week. Mr. Cheng and his wife will fly to Helsinki and Stockholm on Monday.—United Press.

REDS CAPTURE  
TATANG ISLAND

San Francisco, October 14. Peking Radio reported tonight that Communist troops operating in Fukien Province several days ago captured Tatang Island, between Amoy and Kinmen Islands. Tatang was captured in an amphibious assault, the Radio said.—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

Today's Forecast: Moderate N.E. winds, rather gusty in places, cloudy at first, becoming fair later in the day.  
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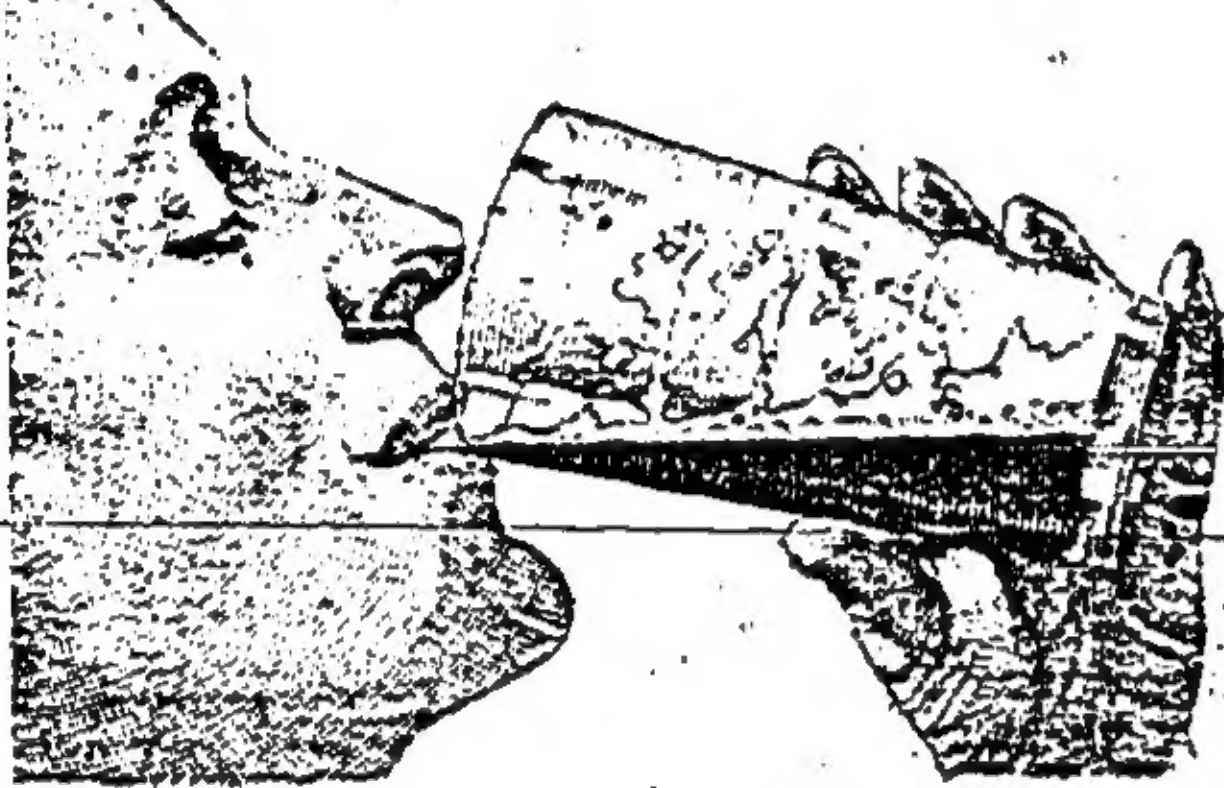
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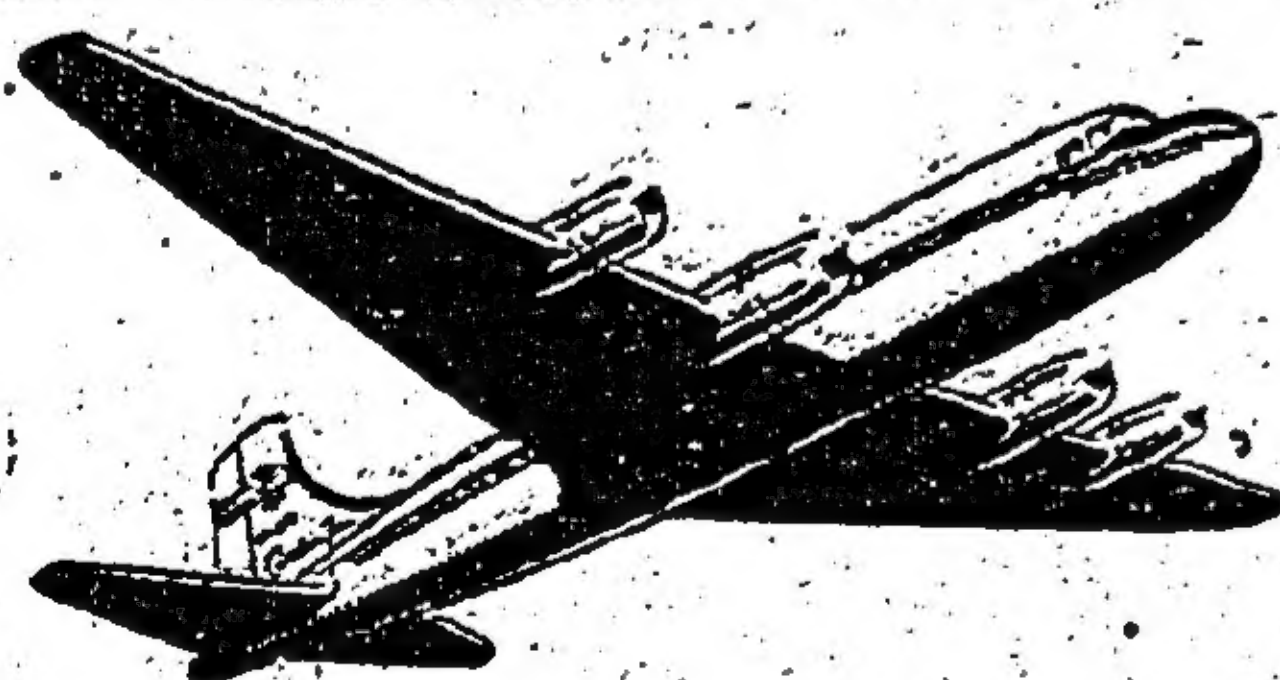
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## Shanghai Theatre Owners Censor Films Themselves

Shanghai, October 4. (Delayed).

Shanghai theatre managers have to act as their own censors to prevent "poisonous" films from getting to their screens.

This type of censorship stemmed from the recent press campaign against "imperialistic" movies—mainly American. It will be replaced by an outright ban on certain films when the Communist cultural authorities get around to classifying the more than 500 American and British films here.

## HK Delegation To ECAFE

The Hong Kong delegation to the forthcoming fifth session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East will be headed by Mr. R.C. Lee, CBE, as chief delegate, with Mr. Kwok Chan and Mr. I. M. Lightbody as alternate delegates. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Kwok Chan will accompany their husbands.

The delegation will leave by air on October 17. The conference, in Singapore, will start on October 20 and is expected to last for 10 days.

A wide range of items is listed on the Agenda for the fifth session of this United Nations regional commission, covering such topics as trade promotion, industrial development, cooperation between ECAFE and the Food and Agricultural Organisation, regional statistics and flood control. Hong Kong has been represented on the Commission as an Associate Member since the second session in November, 1947 and two members of the present delegation, Mr. Lee and Mr. Lightbody, attended the last session held in Australia at the end of 1948.

## Chinese Girl Attacked By Snatchers

A young Chinese girl was attacked by two men last night while she was walking along Fuk Wah Street, Kowloon. The girl was approached from behind by the two men, one of whom snatched her handbag and gold chain. When she screamed for help, the girl was stabbed by one of her assailants. She was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition. The men then got away.

## HONG KONG REEL CLUB

In conjunction with the Hong Kong Reel Club, the inaugural practice meeting of the Kowloon Club will be held in the Assembly Hall of the King George V School on Monday at 8.30 p.m. The Kowloon Reel Club will be affiliated to the Hong Kong Reel Club, but will have its own President and Committee. However, the Kowloon Reel Club is intended primarily for the convenience of Kowloon residents. The Club is not confined to Scotchmen, but Scottish members are expected to be members of the Hong Kong St. Andrews Society. Pipes of the King's Own Scottish Borders will pipe at the inaugural meeting.

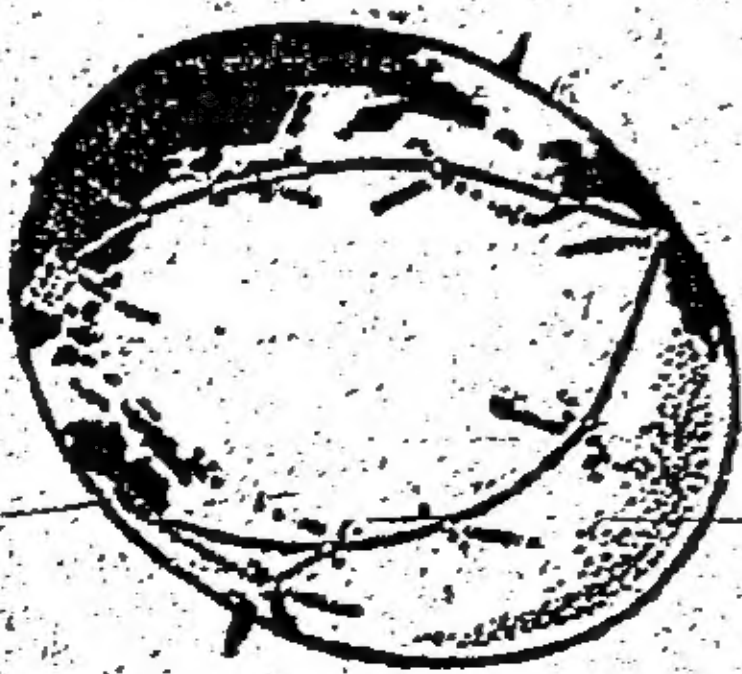
## FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Luis Maria Souza, assistant of 180 Nathan Road, top floor, and Miss Delcissima Nereida Baptista, civil servant, of 45 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, has been announced.

## FLY TO CANADA

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## FLAG DAYS

A number of applications by charitable organisations and institutions for permission to hold Flag Days or Flower Days during 1950 have been approved by Government. They are: Aberdeen Industrial School (January); Po Leung Kok (February); Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (March); Salvation Army (April); Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club (May); St. John Ambulance Brigade (June); Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association (July); Precious Blood Hospital & Orphanage (August); Hong Kong & Kowloon Schools for Workers Children (August); Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children (September); Tung Wah Hospital (October); British Legion (Poppy Day) (November); Society of St. Vincent & Paul (December).

## ARTILLERY DUEL NEAR SAIGON

Saigon, October 14. An artillery battle between Vietnamese forces and supporters of Bao Dai head of the new state of Vietnam, raged for an hour last night a few miles from Saigon. Several American stragglers were killed, but there were no casualties. The Vietnamese fell back when American and government reinforcements arrived.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### Medical Service

Sir,—Much has been written in these columns as to whether or not a physician shall give his patients any prescription, and I would appreciate an opportunity to submit my humble views. One of your correspondents, a physician, has defined "prescription" as a "direction." The very term implies the existence of at least two parties; the one who gives the direction, and the other who is to follow it. If a physician gives a direction to his patient and then retains it himself, how is the patient to follow it?

The same correspondence has also suggested that a patient, not purchasing a prescription, should do that service himself. Surely it does not consist entirely of a diagnosis; it must of necessity consist of a prescription based upon such diagnosis. Service without prescription is incomplete. I am given to understand that in Hong Kong some doctors do not give out their prescriptions but only the medicine, for which an extra charge is paid. The patient does not know and has no means to know what treatment is given him. In case he should change his physician, the second one would not know what the first one prescribed and would therefore be deprived of the advantage of previous experience with the case.

A prescription, in my opinion, is the best protection for a physician against claims of damages on the ground of negligence. If a physician provides medicine without the corresponding prescription, he is running a high risk of being sued by an ignorant or ill-disposed person if something untoward should happen to his patient.

In view of the inadequate number of qualified dispensers in Hong Kong, a physician may perhaps maintain a dispensary, but he should give each patient a prescription and the patient may have it filled at his dispenser with a dispenser to be held responsible for filling it. The physician is relieved of any additional responsibility and will still be assured of an extra income. In the circumstances no physician should object to giving each patient a prescription and his professional pride should be in no way hurt thereby.

AN OUTSIDER

### Moonlight Revelry

Sir,—May I express my thanks and appreciation of the services so generously provided by the Press in advertising our Moonlight Revelry Party and other Club activities throughout the year. Through the courtesy of your columns may I also say "Thank You" to our many friends and supporters without whose close co-operation, ready service and kind words we could not have held Moonlight Revelry at Easter last Wednesday evening.

A. E. MATTHEWS,  
Chairman,  
Hong Kong Women's International Club.

## Tenders For Jap Reparations Machinery

Mr. J. Hargreaves, Acting Controller of Stores, stated yesterday that sealed tenders in duplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for the purchase of Japanese Reparations Machinery" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, up to noon next Friday. The lot consists of transformers, switchboards, meters, parts for same and transformer oil. Forms of tender with further particulars may be obtained at the office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

## Murder Trial Continues

The Ticket Scalper murder trial entered its 10th hearing yesterday, with the jury dismissed temporarily for further arguments on the admissibility of certain statements by the accused, which took up the entire day.

The five accused are Chan Kwong-chuen, Chan Kwong-chuen, Kwong Hing, Lemme Kan and Li Wing. They are standing trial before Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, and an all make jury. The men are alleged to have attacked and killed Chan Hoi-tick scalper outside the China Theatre, Wanchai, on May 7. Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton on the instructions of Mr. A. E. Matthews defending the first, second and fifth accused. The two others are represented by Mr. A. J. O'Connell and instructed by Mr. A. M. L. Gower. The prosecution is conducted by Mr. M. H. Heman, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sergeant M. J. G. Saul. The trial continues on Monday.

## CAT Pilot Makes Survey Flight Over Canton Area

The last plane from Canton arrived at Kai Tak at 1.55 p.m. yesterday and brought with it a story of the ominous quiet of a city doomed to Communist occupation.

The once busy runway at White Cloud Airfield was completely deserted amid evidence of a hurried, almost panicky, desertion.

At 10 a.m. a CAT plane took off for a survey flight over Canton. This was the plane that returned at 1.55 p.m. Arriving at Canton, the aircraft was about to land on the strip when the drums of explosives were seen.

The pilot turned off his plane and landed on the military field at Tien Ho.

The strip at White Cloud will be blown as soon as the Communists reach the city perimeter. Planes were standing by at Tien Ho for the final lift from the city.

Meanwhile Canton city remained quiet and calm, awaiting its fate behind closed doors and deserted streets.

## Chinese General Fined

A Chinese major-general, Chu Yee-tak, aged 42, was fined \$100 by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of possession of a Matus automatic .32 pistol and 11 rounds of ammunition.

It was stated that on Thursday defendant was an incoming passenger at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station. He had not declared that he had arms. When searched, the pistol and ammunition were found wrapped in a handkerchief in defendant's possession.

In Court yesterday, defendant claimed that he was en route to Taiwan, and that he had a Chinese permit for the arms. The pistol and the 11 rounds of ammunition were ordered to be confiscated to the Police Armory. It was the second case in two days involving a Chinese major-general.

## Imported Gold From Canton

First Chinese refugees from Canton, two of them women, were brought before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of importing gold without a permit.

The gold was ordered to be returned to defendants on paying their fines.

Chan Wai-fu, aged 42, on coming passenger, was asked at the Kowloon-Canton Railway on Thursday whether he had any gold to declare. Defendant replied in the negative. On being searched, two gold bars weighing about 10 taels were found in his watch pocket. He was fined \$1,700.

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Pang Sze-chin, a woman, for importing about five taels of gold. Defendant was searched, and the two strips of gold were found sewn in each shoe in a suitcase.

She told the Court that she did not understand Cantonese dialect. When she was asked by revenue officers whether she had any gold, she told the officers that she had no gold on her person, but gold in her bag.

When Lo Shee, a CATC employee, was asked whether he had any gold to declare, he replied that he had one bar weighing about 10 taels. On being searched, another bar and five gold rings weighing about five taels were found in his shirt pockets. He was fined \$500.

Yan Chung-ye, aged 31, was fined \$500 for importing 40 US gold coins weighing approximately 10 taels. The gold was found in a giraffe tied round defendant's waist. For importing approximately eight taels of gold consisting of two bars, six rings, a bracelet, two pendants and a bracelet chain, a married woman, Wong Yuet-chum, was fined \$650 by the magistrate.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES APPOINTMENTS

Mr. E. A. Boyce, Director of Public Works, has been appointed an Official member of the Legislative Council with effect from October 3.

Mr. Owen Fitzwilliam Hamilton has been appointed to act as Deputy Director of Civil Aviation and Airport Manager with effect from September 16.

Mr. Maxwell Norman Oxford has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from October 8.

Promotions in the Hong Kong Defence Force, approved by the Governor, included Private Robert Craig Cooper to be Captain, Private Ronald Hugh Kennedy Crithton to be Lieutenant, Private Geoffrey Cadzow Hamilton to be Lieutenant, Private Patrick Noel Slater to be Lieutenant, and Private Terence Dore Sorby to be Lieutenant.

The name of Dr. Daphne Chan has been added to the Register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners.

Mr. Sydney Ne Quinn, solicitor, has been appointed to sit alone as a Tenancy Tribunal with effect from October 8.

Other lawyers appointed to sit alone as a Tenancy Tribunal include Messrs. David Andrew Leslie Wright, barrister-at-law, Basil Norman Cooper, barrister-at-law, Gerald Nigel, Peter John Griffiths, Yuet-Kang Kam, E. A. Chan Ying-shung and Alfred Yau-sun Hon.

## More Squatter Huts To Be Cleared

Clearance of squatter huts from the urban areas is shortly to be resumed.

A notice in the "Government Gazette" yesterday gave Health Inspector, Police and Public Works Department inspection authority to clear a big area in the Shamshuipo District, Kowloon.

The area is bounded on the North by Boundary Street, on the North-East by Lai-ko-ko Road, on the East by Tong Mi Road, on the South by Prince Edward Road, and on the West by the water-front.

## Personalia

Messrs. T. C. O'Neill, Wong Jack-sing, G. McDowell, Maclean and Sister J. Wilson left for London yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. S. Simons and B. Tocco left Hong Kong for Cairo yesterday by BOAC.

Departures by BOAC yesterday for Bombay included Messrs. W. F. Nightingale and Mangruti Amrit. Mr. Ah Hain and Mr. Wu Duck-ling left for Rangoon by BOAC yesterday.

Departures for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday included Messrs. E. Hughes, C. H. E. A. L. Phillips and Low Wai-ning.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mrs. C. H. Lee, Miss G. Johnson, Miss B. Mitchell, Miss V. Corington, Messrs. C. L. Liu, J. H. Pomeroy, M. H. Morgan, T. K. Yuen, R. W. Roberts, Y. S. Huang, V. H. Perry, C. G. Rose, H. F. Tchen, R. G. Lewis and R. G. Peers.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Miss F. L. Ince, Mrs. J. T. Lu, Miss R. Waller, Messrs. J. G. Hoblyn, M. K. Sangharvi, J. S. Narula, T. V. O'Neill, L. Clark, A. L. Phillips, B. J. Butler, P. Bastid, B. W. Adams, W. R. Grace, W. F. Wipridge, and R. Fukumi.

Among the passengers who left by CFA yesterday for Bangkok, Singapore and Rangoon were Mr. T. Hammarstrom, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gitzman, Mrs. S. Gurovich, Mr. D. P. Sufoff, Mr. Chan On, Miss Lai So-ook, Mrs. Yung Lin-hoi, Mr. Chew Kwai, Mr. C. D. Wong and Mr. Han Maui. Those who arrived by CFA yesterday from Manila included Allison I. Walker, Vera E. Modeloff, Robert Flanagan, Kwan Wing-sing, Kwan Wing-tom and Chan Hon.

## Application For Eviction

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Tribunal Magistrate, yesterday reserved his decision on an application for eviction by Li and Pung Limited, of Marina House, against the occupiers of 19 Connaught Road Central, first floor.

The applicants, who were represented by Mr. D. E. Wright instructed by Mr. V. E. Chan, claimed that the premises in question were let at \$159.50 a month to the Far East Shipping Company, T. L. Quong, and the Kin Wah Trading Company. After March 1946, applicants claimed, the first-mentioned transferred or sub-let the premises without their consent to the other occupants.

The Far East Shipping Company, at a previous hearing had announced that they were not resisting the application.

The Kin Wah Trading Company was represented by Mr. S. Ng Quian.

After both sides had delivered their closing addresses, judgment was reserved.

## Registrars Of Persons

A number of persons have been appointed to be Registrars of Persons under the Registration of Persons Ordinance (No. 104).

Registrars: Captain Leonard Mangel, Silva, Mr. Chan Tin-cheuk and Mr. Tsui Kwok-hing.

Assistant Registrars: Vincent Lau, Tuen-mu Hsi Chi, Tan Gwai-pong, Boon Wing-ching, Choy Ping-kin, Mai F. Yuen, Kwok Wing-kin, O. Yung-yin, George C. Yeh, Too Hung-kong, Pan Shih-chi, Chow Wai-see, Wu Ting-wu, Francis Y. H. Lee, Li Yuet-lin, Liaw Shun-chiang, Kwok Ching-yi, Li Chi-tim, Robert Kwan Ching, Kwong Chuk, George P. C. Yip, Robert Wong, Wong Wing-nin, Lau Ping-tok, Lau Chung-kwong, James C. M. Chan, Tam Ming-tai, Jose Emilio Cruz and Lee Chih-hsuan.

## FALSE ALARM

A fault in the electric burglar alarm system in the Bank of China set off a false alarm yesterday morning, which drew the police to the scene. The cause of the alarm was immediately discovered upon their arrival.



# BRITISH STEAMERS FIRED ON OUTSIDE CANTON

## Price Of Rice

The price of rice in the free market dropped yesterday morning but increased later in the day.

In the city, it was quoted at HK\$1.20 a catty.

It was officially learned yesterday that Government is determined to prevent the price situation from getting out of hand.

Drastic action will be taken if the tendency to charge excessive prices for foodstuffs continues.

## Reminders

### Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society concert of classical music, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

China Philatelic Association exhibition, Hotel Cecil.

Exhibition of Rare Books, British Council Library, 10 a.m.

Forces "At Home", St. Andrew's Church Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club Ladies Committee Dance, 9 p.m.

Colony Swimming Championship Competition, Victoria Recreation Club, 9.30 p.m.

### Coming Events

TOMORROW

Too H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 2.30 p.m. (details from Mr. Nobbels Tel: 30709)

## Forged Bank Draft

A Chinese woman, Fung Man, aged 42, and her niece, Lo Sheung, aged 21, spinster, were jointly charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with possession of a forged bank draft.

The niece pleaded not guilty to the offence and stated that she did not know the draft was forged. At this stage, the prosecution stated that they offered no evidence against her and Lo was discharged accordingly.

Fung pleaded guilty to the charge, and was bound over by the Court in the sum of \$250 to be of good behaviour for a year.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Martin, prosecuting, stated that on Thursday, both defendants were arrested in the Shing Chau Cafe, Peiho Street. A cheque for \$1,350, purporting to be of the Bank of America, was found in Fung's handbag.

The prosecution went on to say that at this stage, Fung told the police that there was still another cheque on her niece's person. Fung further told the police that she instructed her niece to keep the other draft, and she knew all the time that the two bank drafts were forged.

In passing sentence, Mr. Wicks remarked that the offence could be considered as a slip.

## TRAFALGAR DAY CEREMONY

Trafalgar Day this year will again be marked by the Ceremony of Beating the Retreat at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, which has once more been put at the disposal of the Royal Navy by the kindness of the President and Committee.

The Bands which will take part to be those of HMS Belfast and the 3rd Commando Brigade Royal Marines. A guard will be paraded by the Royal Marines of HMS Belfast.

Detailed arrangements will be published in the Press later.

## FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday morning were:

Type of Fish	Price	Price
Yellow Croaker	\$2.25	\$2.25
Mad Grouper	\$2.21	\$2.10
White Pomfret (large)	\$2.50	\$2.25
Macao Sole (large)	\$1.75	\$1.19
Macao Sole (small)	\$1.19	\$0.77
Golden Thread	\$1.50	\$1.25
Horse Head (small)	\$1.65	\$1.45
Coarse Pike	\$1.25	\$1.05
Red Sea Bream (large)	\$1.84	\$1.50
Red Sea Bream (small)	\$1.40	\$1.25
White Herring	\$0.75	\$0.70
White Croaker	\$1.61	\$1.50
Hair Tail	\$0.95	\$0.85

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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Two British river vessels were fired on by a band of unidentified men while bringing boat loads of evacuees from Canton to the Colony between Thursday night and yesterday morning.

Except for a few bullet holes in the ss. Wing Hing, owned by the Ta Hing Shipping Company, the shooting did little damage and no casualty was reported.

Leaving Canton at about 9 p.m. on Thursday night, the first vessel fired on by the armed band was the Butterfield & Swire vessel, ss. Wuseh. The shooting on both occasions took place at Nam Shek Tau, a remote locality of the Canton quarantine area.

About an hour after her departure from Canton with a full load of about 500 passengers, the ss. Wuseh was suddenly fired on from the shore on the vessel's port side.

According to passengers and crew of the vessel, only small arms were used in the shooting.

During the attack all lights on the vessel were turned off.

About half an hour after the shooting when the vessel had passed Whampoa, the lights were turned on.

About six miles behind the B & S vessel another British vessel the Wing Hing, received the same send-off from the armed band.

### Wing Hing Attacked

A smaller vessel than the ss. Wuseh, the Wing Hing left Canton about half an hour later than the B & S vessel.

An hour after her departure and was about to swing around for quarantine inspection when she was fired on by the band. Suddenly, out of the blackness of the night, a volley of machine gun, small arms and pom-pom shots were fired on her from the shore barely about 100 yards to her portside.

Luckily her anchor was not lowered then. Her skipper immediately ordered the vessel to proceed full speed ahead and at the same time all lights were switched off.

Unlike the ss. Wuseh, the smaller vessel retaliated against the shore fire by firing every weapon on board.

A few minutes later she too slipped away from the danger zone without any casualty. However, prior to her arrival here early yesterday morning, her skipper discovered a few bullet holes in the vessel's sides.

On their arrival here early yesterday morning, vivid descriptions of the exodus from Canton by river vessels were given by the passengers.

Almost all of the passengers said that Canton was an open city when they left on Thursday night. One family which had encountered two evacuations in the past five months brought to the Colony almost all of their furniture which they had managed to get out of Shanghai.

Termining the evacuation of Canton as one worse than that of Shanghai, one member of the family said that people of all walks of life filled the Canton pier during the time they boarded the vessel.

### Excitement On Pier

There was so much excitement on the pier that no one thought that the vessel could leave without a ship.

A large number of all kinds and furniture were piled high on the pier awaiting loading on to the vessel and the pier coolies made the most of the situation.

From one school dormitory some 300 iron beds, desks and wooden beds were loaded on to the Wuseh. Apart from these eight motor vehicles were taken aboard.

Among the passengers in the Wuseh were 18 Europeans of seven nationalities. They included a few foreign correspondents.

The European passengers were: Mr. Michael Davidson of the London "Observer," Mr. Frank E. Robertson (British Journalist), Mr. William A. Assessorow (British), Mr. George Belcher (British), Dr. G. A. Milne (British), Miss H. Sawyer (British), Mr. Frank T. Durdin (American), Mr. Bruce E. Tingle (American), Mr. Harry W. Annot (American), Mr. P. E. Brisard (French Correspondent), Mr. Paulin Abovy (French), Mr. V. Des Aubry (French), Mr. Said Kilke (Turkish), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Tamberg (Estonians), Mr. Karl F. W. Ebert (German), Mrs. G. Hodapp (German) and Mr. Carl Krueger (Stateless).

No European passenger was brought here by the ss. Wing Hing, which according to her first officer, Mr. W. F. Johnston, had a full load of Chinese passengers.

Six Nationalist officers were among the passengers. These officers discarded their uniforms after arriving at the Colony. Their military caps were later worn by local pier coolies who tore away the cap insignias.

A few cases of documents belonging to the Foreign Office of the Nationalist Government were also brought down by the Wing Hing.

## Exhibition Of Rare Books

An exhibition of rare English books extending back to 1480, was opened at the British Council Library, Statue Square, yesterday by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

The exhibition, which is being held under the auspices of the British Council, represents in brief the history of printing in England since Caxton established his press in Westminster Abbey in 1477.

The 70 exhibits on display reflect the mastery skill of the early craftsmen, the decline in one century, the revival in another, and the changing current of social history.

The Governor, after giving a brief review of the history of English printing, said that though the present selection was not a large one it could nevertheless be called an artistic gem, being very selective, and bringing out the artistic tastes of the different periods.

He said lovers of books and culture were indebted to the British Council in general, and to Mr. Robert Bruce, their local representative, in particular, for the opportunity of seeing these rare selections.

## BIF Fair In 1950

The 29th British Industries Fair will open in London on May 8, 1950, and it is intended that Hong Kong shall participate for the third time, in the Commonwealth and Empire Section. It was officially announced yesterday.

An increasing number of Colonies intend to participate. It is expected that bookings for space will exceed that available. Hong Kong has been provisionally granted 700 square feet of space.

Not all those local firms who wished to exhibit could be granted space this year and heavy demand is expected for the 1950 stand.

The Hong Kong British Industries Fair Committee will shortly issue a circular containing application forms for space. Those firms who wish to ensure that they are not crowded out are invited to register their names with the Committee now. No obligation is entailed by so doing.

The Committee also intends to repeat the venture of last year in chartering a special plane to convey the Colony's visitors to the Fair. In this connection the Committee will also assist in booking hotel accommodation—for which there is a great demand in London during the Fair's run—and in obtaining the required travel documents.

Businessmen who are contemplating a visit to the United Kingdom early next year are invited to consider the advantages of timing their visit to include the Fair, which is now well-known as a rendezvous for buyers from all parts of the world.

Requests for registration for space, and any other enquiries, should be addressed to Mr. J. W. Ferris, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry, Fire Brigade Building.

## Archbishop Of Manila Dies

The Rev. Michael J. O'Doherty, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila for 32 years, died at 9.43 a.m. today of labor pneumonia and complications after a six-month illness.

Mrs. O'Doherty was born on July 30, 1874, in Charlestown, County Mayo, Ireland, one of 12 children. He was ordained as a priest in 1897 and came to Zamboanga in the Philippines in 1911. He was consecrated Bishop and in 1915 named Archbishop of Manila—at that time the youngest Archbishop of the Catholic hierarchy, being 42.

Several priests were present when he died at his residence. He had received the sacrament of Extreme Unction and his last words were that he wished to die on a Friday.

Funeral services have not yet been completely arranged. His body is expected to lie in state for ten days.

Two years ago, Mrs. O'Doherty sought to become a Filipino citizen, but was unable to do so because his country, Ireland, does not give a reciprocal privilege to Filipinos.—United Press.

## YWCA Financial Campaign



The YWCA launched its annual financial campaign yesterday with the target set at HK\$165,000. Lady Grantham, wife of the Governor, presided at the campaign meeting. She is shown here presenting a campaign flag to Mrs. Tan Ken-hoon, Chairman of the Campaign committee. Flags were also presented to other team captains. Some 500 campaign workers have been divided into three divisions of 10 teams each. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Sino-British Orchestra's Concerts Next Week

The Sino-British Orchestra, under the direction of its regular conductor, Dr. S. M. Bard, will give its first public performances of the season at concerts next week.

On Thursday, it will play at the Diocesan Boys' School in Kowloon, and on the following night the performance will be repeated on the Hong Kong side at St. Stephen's Girls' College Lyttelton Road. Both concerts will start at 8.30 p.m.

The Orchestra will open the programme with Beethoven's Overture to Goethe's tragic drama "Egmont," followed by the "Virtuous Wife" Suite for Strings, by Purcell, the great English composer of the seventeenth century.

The main work of the evening will be Haydn's popular "Oxford" Symphony in G Major, so called because it was performed at the ceremony at which Haydn received the degree of Doctor of Music from Oxford University during his visit to England in 1791. The composer himself conducted the orchestra on that notable occasion.

Supporting the Sino-British Orchestra at next week's concerts will be Julia Lee, soprano, who will sing a group of classical European songs and a group of Chinese songs. Professor Harry Ore will accompany her at the piano.

Miss Lee, a graduate of the Chinese National Conservatory of Music in Shanghai, was one of the artists who took part in the Sino-British Club's inaugural concert in 1947.

Other artists at next week's concerts will be Wong Man-yun and Euphemia Wong, who will perform a duet on a Chinese violin and a dulcimer. Bookings for the concerts are open at S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. Tickets are \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

## DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

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## SINO-BRITISH CLUB-MUSIC GROUP

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## Fatal Traffic Accidents

Eleven of the 277 traffic accidents involving pedestrians during September were fatal, according to official statistics. In addition to the deaths, 54 persons were seriously injured and 212 slightly hurt.

## SERVICEMEN ENTERTAINED

The Hong Kong Women's International Club entertained 100 Servicemen personnel with a Whist Drive and light refreshments, on Thursday. Among the prize winners were BOSM Taylor, L/Wtr. Dawkins, L/Wtr. Horsham, C.P.O. Buzza.



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MARINE DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE NO. 42  
OF 1949.DANGEROUS GOODS—  
HANDLING OF

The notice of all Shipmasters,  
Shipping Companies, Stevedores,  
Docks and Lighters. Com-  
panies is drawn to Regulation  
15 of the Dangerous Goods Re-  
gulations made under Ordinance  
No. 1 of 1973 which reads:

Reg. 15. Except with the  
written permission of the  
Director of Marine, no danger-  
ous goods shall be handled or  
worked upon, or loaded into or  
unloaded from any vessel be-  
tween the hours of 7 p.m. and  
5 a.m. during the period from  
the 1st April to the 30th Sep-  
tember, inclusive, or between  
the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.  
during the period from the 1st  
October to the 31st March, in-  
clusive.

N. GARLAND,  
Acting Director of Marine.  
Marine Office,  
Hong Kong, October 14, 1949.

## NOTICE

GOVERNMENT STORES  
DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that  
sealed tenders in duplicate  
which should be clearly marked  
"Tender for the purchase of  
Japanese Repairs Machinery"  
will be received at the office  
of the Chairman Tender  
Board, Colonial Secretariat,  
Lower Albert Road, until noon  
on Friday, 21st October, 1949.

The lot consists of Trans-  
formers, Switchboards, Meters,  
parts for same and Transformer  
Oil, and forms of tender with  
further particulars may be ob-  
tained at the office of the Con-  
troller of Stores, Government  
Stores Department, Electric  
Road, North Point.

J. HARGREAVES,  
Acting Controller of Stores.  
Hong Kong, October 3, 1949.

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IN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM

Students wishing to enter  
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United Kingdom in October  
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on forms to be obtained from  
Education Office, Telephone  
Building (2nd floor), Leighton  
Hill Road. These forms, duly  
completed, should be returned  
to the undersigned on or before  
October 29th 1949.

G. F. REES,  
Secretary.  
British Universities Selection  
Committee.  
Hong Kong, October 13, 1949.

## NOTICE

SOCIETY OF ST.  
GEORGE HONGKONG  
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting  
of the Society will be held at  
5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th  
October, 1949, in the Board  
Room of the Hongkong Jockey  
Club, Telephone House, by  
kind permission of the  
Stewards, for the purposes of—

- (1) Approving the accounts  
for the year ended 30th  
September, 1949;
- (2) Electing Officers for the  
ensuing year;
- (3) Approving the date for  
the St. George's Ball;
- (4) Any other business.

Nominations for next year's  
Committee should be in the  
hands of the Secretaries not  
later than noon on 24th Octo-  
ber, 1949.

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THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Trial Race Meeting  
(postponed from 21st Septem-  
ber) will be held on Tuesday,  
18th October, 1949. The first  
saddling bell will be rung at  
4.45 p.m. and the first race  
will be run at 5.15 p.m. The  
second at 5.45 p.m., the third  
at 6.15 p.m. and the fourth  
at 6.45 p.m.

Owners are informed that  
all Entries made for the  
original Meeting stand, as well  
as the published handicap  
weights, but a Pony winning  
a race at the Double Tenth  
Race Meeting will carry 7 lb.  
penalty in addition to the  
weight allotted. The Stewards  
have ruled that no "Jockey  
Allowance" will be given in  
races for the Trial Meeting  
and attention is directed, there-  
fore, to the alteration in the  
conditions of all the four  
events, in that the words  
"Jockey Allowance" are dele-  
ted. Fresh declarations must  
be made and placed in the  
declaration boxes at the Race  
Course in the usual manner  
and attention is drawn to the  
change in time of 15 minutes  
from those published in the  
Race Book.

Badges of admission to  
the Grand Stands, and Duty  
and Servants Passes, which  
have been issued for the pos-  
tponed Meeting will hold good  
for this Meeting.

To enable a satisfactory trial  
of the Totalisator to be made,  
Members are requested to  
make use of the machines in  
the Public Enclosure as well  
as those in the Members En-  
closure, in placing their bets.

By Order,  
D. L. PROPHET,  
Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE

Trial Race Meeting—18th  
October, 1949

2nd Race—Totalisator  
Handicap—1st Section

As the pony "Sans Atout"  
has been allotted the maximum  
weight of 159 lb. in the above  
race and has since incurred a  
penalty of 7 lb. by winning a  
race at the Double Tenth Meet-  
ing, the Stewards have ruled  
that in the event of this pony  
accepting for the race, it will  
remain at 159 lb. all other  
weights in this race will be  
lowered by 7 lb. Other win-  
ners at the Double Tenth  
Meeting will, however, carry  
7 lb. penalty.

By Order,  
D. L. PROPHET,  
Actg. Secretary.

T-L-F PUBLISHERS announce  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RATES FOR 1949

The Christmas gift rate for  
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LIFE during the past year—the  
high-quality paper that makes  
photographs come alive; the many  
full-color features (very ex-  
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features which readers get in

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wondered, as readers have, how  
LIFE brings such a wealth of  
information and entertainment  
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1st Gift or Donor's Own	15.00	100	
2nd and all Add'l Gifts	12.50	83	
ARCHITECTURAL FORUM			
New or Renewal			
1 year	12.00	80	
2 years	21.00	138	

Court  
Brevities

Pleading guilty to a charge of  
driving without a valid licence,  
Abdul Rahman, aged 28, was fined  
\$50 by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon  
Magistrates' yesterday.

It was stated that on Thursday  
defendant was driving private  
car No. 2867 along Salisbury  
Road towards the Star Ferry.  
Defendant, stopped by a police  
constable and asked to produce  
his driving licence, could not do  
so.

In Court yesterday, defendant  
pleaded that he had a valid  
licence before the war. He  
stated that he was a car cleaner,  
and the car which he was  
driving belonged to a Chinese.  
He further stated that he mind-  
ed to park the car at the Star  
Ferry parking stand.

Andrew Milne, aged 22, driver  
of the Royal Army Service Corps,  
was charged before Mr. F. X.  
d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday  
with having had carnal knowl-  
edge of Tsoi Yung, a 30-year-old  
woman, without her consent at  
Castle Peak on September 2.

Hearing was adjourned to Oc-  
tober 25. The case is for com-  
mittal.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central  
yesterday discharged two of three  
sanitary coolies on a charge of  
demanding money with menaces.

The defendants, Li Yiu-wah,  
represented by Mr. Alfred Y.  
Ho, and Li Kin and Tam Fok,  
both represented by Mr. J. C.  
Stewart, were charged with de-  
manding \$30.

The first defendant, Li, was  
sentenced to two months from  
the day of his arrest and was  
also fined \$300 or two months  
hard labour.

The other two defendants  
were discharged.

Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central  
yesterday granted the condemp-  
nation of a 22 Remington rifle, the  
property of Mr. J. J. Ulfsky, of Man  
On Steamship Company, Inspector  
H. B. Dewar made the application.

## NOTICE

## LA SALLE COLLEGE

All the Classes, in addition  
to those already in session,  
will resume work on MON-  
DAY, the 17th inst.

BROTHER PATRICK  
Principal

## NOTICE

Members of the public are  
hereby notified that no em-  
ployee of the Urban Council  
or Sanitary Department is ad-  
vised to request, demand or  
receive any monies what-  
soever, and are advised that,  
should any person make any  
such request or demand, he  
should be detained and a  
Police Officer called or a tele-  
phone report made to the  
nearest Police Station.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,  
Secretary, Urban Council.  
October 11, 1949.

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SAVAGE  
LITECHNOLOR

Turhan Bey  
Sidney Toler  
Thomas Gomez

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"How does it feel to have all the little bills paid up?"  
Chilly, mighty chilly!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authority"

RIGHT TIME IS VITAL  
PICKING just the right time  
to play a winning honour is vital  
to the fate of many a contract.  
This applies alike to the declarer  
and a defender. Using the big  
card too soon in some cases, or  
too late in others, can render all  
your other moves futile. Usually  
a bit of careful thought will tell  
you just when to come in with  
the winner and when to hold on  
to it for a more important later  
use.

SAQJ4  
HK2  
DAQ85  
CPT2

S 87  
H Q 10853  
D K 1042  
C 10 4

S K 963  
H A 964  
D J 3  
C A Q 5

S 10 52  
H J 7  
D 9 87  
C K J 9 8 3

(Dealer: North: East-West vul-  
nerable):  
North East South West  
1 D Db 2 C Pass  
2 S Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT Db

South was mainly just trying  
to interfere with his vulnerable  
opponents who, as near as he  
could tell, were likely to have a  
game. East sensed that knowing  
his man, but North didn't or he  
would not have raised to 2 NT.  
Trump to game. If West had  
let a heart defeat of the contract  
would have been a cinch, but he  
felt that East wanted a spade  
lead, so opened his 8 of that suit.  
South playing the 4 from dummy.

From there on the contract de-  
pended on the propositions of too  
late and too early. If East had  
come in with the K and switched  
West 10.

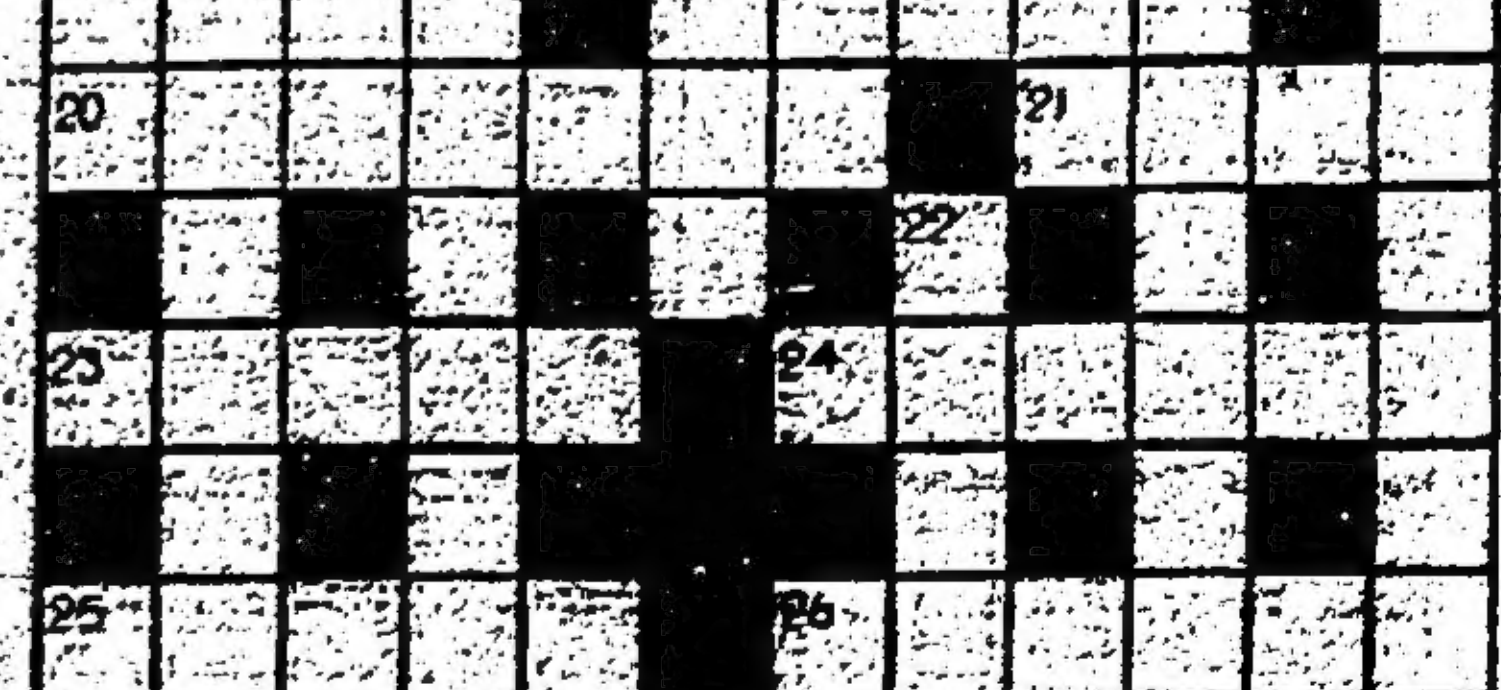
Tomorrow's Problem  
S 7  
H J 9 5 2  
D J 9 8 5  
C Q J 4 2

S K 8 5  
H A Q 8 3  
D 4 2  
C A 7 6 5

S Q J 9 5 4 3 2  
H A 10  
D 10 6  
C 10 8

(Dealer: East: North-South  
vulnerable):  
If East opens with 1-Diamond  
and South tries an obstructing  
bid of 2-Spades, what should  
West do?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Keep in custody  
2 Acknowledge  
3 Metal  
4 Savoury jelly  
5 Land measure  
6 Rumours  
7 Colours  
8 Garment

Down  
10 Appointment  
11 Shading leaf  
12 Barrier  
13 Below  
14 Deserve  
15 Sall  
16 Rigid plat-  
form  
17 Extend

Yesterday's Crossword  
ACROSS—4 Implicit, 8 Im-  
pious, 9 Enquiring, 11 Rebarbed, 12  
Able, 13 Steer, 15 Ensign, 19 Able.

DOWN—1 Thru, 2 Spate, 3  
Tussock, 4 Mead's Lark, 6 Glimpse,  
7 Tugboat, 10 Dicks, 14 Enigma, 15  
Ringer, 16 Hammer, 17 Velum, 20  
Waver, 21 Stead, 22 Stern, 23  
Base.



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## FRENCH CRISIS

# PREMIER-DESIGNATE PRESENTS PROGRAMME

## SHIRLEY TEMPLE DIVORCE

Hollywood, October 13.  
Shirley Temple, dimpled baby  
star who grew up into a glamour  
girl, said today that she has de-  
cided to divorce her husband, ac-  
tor John Agar, after "crying about  
it for the last two weeks."

Her counsel, George Stahlman,  
said a suit will probably be filed  
late today under the standard  
movie colony charge of "mental  
crucifix."

"I am so confused and unhap-  
py," she said. "I don't know  
whether it's Jack's fault or mine.  
All I know is there is no possible  
chance of reconciliation."

Miss Temple, who was a 17-  
year-old bride four years ago in  
one of the town's fanciest Valen-  
tine-style weddings, said the  
cause of the break-up was "strictly  
a personal thing between Jack  
and me."

"I do not want to discuss it,"  
she added. "But I would not call  
our marriage a 'Hollywood' mar-  
riage. This is something that hap-  
pens to lots of people. It would  
have happened to us if we had  
been living any place. Hollywood  
has nothing to do with it. We both  
tried very hard, but it wouldn't  
work."

Shirley added that she hopes  
everybody will make a  
much fuss. "I would like to keep  
this as dignified and quiet as pos-  
sible," she said.—United Press.

## Broadcasts To Russia

Frankfurt, October 13.

Mr. George Allen, the United  
States Assistant Secretary of  
State for Public Affairs, said  
here tonight that about 25 per  
cent of the "Voice of America"  
and the British Broadcasting  
Corporation programmes to  
Russia are getting through the  
Soviet radio "jamming."

"But the number of listeners  
in the Soviet Union has fallen off  
considerably," he added.

Although it was difficult to  
judge the total audience, Mr.  
Allen recalled the report of the  
former United States Ambassador  
to Moscow, General Walter Bedell  
Smith, that "probably eight mil-  
lion Soviet citizens can be reach-  
ed directly by the broadcasts."

As many as 250 Russian radio  
stations, using four times the total  
power and 10 times the personnel  
of the "Voice of America," were  
being used at one time for the  
"jamming," Mr. Allen stated.—  
Reuter.

The Premier-designate, M. Jules Moch, seeking  
approval from the French Assembly for his  
programme for a new Cabinet, said tonight  
that the Government must bring into force,  
before the deadline, agreements of last March  
guaranteeing the independence of Vietnam  
within the French Union.

Indo-China, where the French are in conflict with  
"misled fighters of Vietnam," requires  
"particular attention," he said.

The next Government had the  
"imperious mission of re-  
establishing peace or at least a  
truce which would spare pre-  
cious blood, unspendable suffer-  
ings and heavy outlays," M. Moch  
added.

Police reinforcements were in  
duty outside the National As-  
sembly as M. Moch sought ap-  
proval for his proposed pro-  
gramme.

Of the wages-prices problem  
and its relations to currency, M.  
Moch said that merely to raise  
wages would "lead the frame to  
annihilation, France to ruin and  
the Republic into adventures."

"The best way to defend the  
interests of the least fortunate  
labouring masses consists not in  
raising their theoretical salaries  
but in maintaining and en-  
riching their purchasing power," M. Moch  
continued.

He promised that there would  
be "harsh slashes" in State ex-  
penditure. Economies would be  
achieved, he said, by structural  
reforms, especially in provincial  
administration, and decentralisa-  
tion.

Civil servants would have to  
work harder, he warned.

**Lowering Prices**

M. Moch announced plans under  
three headings for improving pur-  
chasing power:

(1) Steps to lower prices.  
(2) Reluctance to free collective  
bargaining over work conditions  
between employers and trade  
unions, without Government in-  
tervention.

(3) A special bonus of not  
more than 3,000 francs for those  
earning only for workers earning  
less than 15,000 francs, so as to  
bring such workers up to the  
15,000 francs level.

M. Moch estimated that  
2,800,000 workers would benefit  
in some degree or other by such  
a bonus for a balanced budget.

Calling for a balanced budget,  
M. Moch said that "it must be  
balanced by the sacrifices of all  
and not only a few. Still more  
it must be balanced by the sacri-  
fices of those who have a super-  
fluity, who are making profits to-  
day and who benefit more by ac-  
cess to national wealth than those  
of their fellow labourers who  
have helped create that wealth."

**Work For Peace**

In the course of his reference to  
international matters, M. Moch  
said that France would help to

Paris, October 13.

build Europe "not as a bulwark  
against another group of Powers,  
but as the departure point of a  
peaceful and a greater con-  
federation."

During the work of the Coun-  
cil of Europe at Strasbourg, he  
said, "I do not under-estimate  
the difficulties of the task. The  
Federation of peoples who have  
been sovereign for centuries runs  
up against many political and  
economic difficulties."

"Mistrusts derived from wars  
and opposing kinds of regime will  
not disappear in one day."

In the general debate which  
followed M. Moch's speech, M.  
Edouard Daladier, former Radical  
Premier, described his programme  
as "insufficient," specially in mea-  
sures to fight inflation.

A former Premier, M. Paul  
Raynaud, Independent, said that  
M. Moch's plan would bring about  
another devaluation and would  
not stabilise workers' pay.

**Reynaud's Warning**

M. Reynaud said he opposed  
subsidies and an immediate bonus  
for lower paid workers but would  
accept a bonus for the partially  
unemployed—those who worked  
less than 40 hours a week because  
of electricity cuts.

He ended on a warning note,  
declaring, "If we do not adopt  
an energetic policy, this  
Assembly will be swept away  
by the anger of the people."

M. Jacques Duclos, leader of  
the Communist Party's Parlia-  
mentary group, described the  
France-British Treaty of Alliance  
signed at Dunkirk in March, 1947,  
as "useless," because, he said,  
Britain had not consulted France  
about devaluation of the Pound  
as required by its Articles on  
financial and economic affairs.

He called for a "treaty of agree-  
ment" between the "Big Five",  
including the democratic China  
of Mao Tse-tung.

**Wage Claims**

The Communists greeted this  
reference to Mao with loud ap-  
plause and shouts of "Long Live  
democratic China!"

Earlier, during M. Moch's  
speech, about 100 delegates from  
several industries, including metal  
workers and railmen, presented  
wage claims to Assembly officials.  
There were no incidents.

At Orly, largest Paris airport,  
about 80 per cent answered to  
Communist strike-call timed to  
coincide with the Assembly de-  
bate. Employees stopped work-  
ing for two hours. Building  
workers in some places downed  
tools. But buses and subway  
trains were running normally and  
no interruptions were reported in  
the telephone service.—Reuter.

## Sabotage Caused Rail Disaster

Calcutta, October 13.  
Police and railroad inspec-  
tors today hinted that sabo-  
tage was responsible for the  
crash of the outward-bound  
Bombay express which was  
derailed last night 80 miles  
from Calcutta, killing four  
and injuring 31.  
Inspectors said several vital  
pieces of machinery had ap-  
parently been removed from  
the train before the crash.  
The engine and eight car-  
riages were derailed.—United  
Press.

## Denmark May Hold Elections

Copenhagen, October 13.  
A Danish Government decision  
on whether to call for a new  
election is expected to be  
made known during a de-  
bate beginning in the Lower  
House here today.

Denmark's Social Democrat  
Government announced its party  
programme at the opening of  
Parliament recently. The Op-  
position's attitude to the pro-  
posals is expected to become  
known in the next few days.

The Prime Minister, M. Hans  
Hedtoft, has said repeatedly that  
if the Opposition persisted in at-  
tacking and hindering Govern-  
ment measures, his Government  
would appeal to the country.

Some political circles believe  
that the Labour success in the  
recent Norwegian elections has  
strengthened the Danish Premier's  
confidence in being returned to  
power if an election were held  
now.

The Social Democrat Party,  
which came to power in the elec-  
tions of October, 1947, holds 57  
seats out of the 150 in the Lower  
House. The next largest party  
are the Liberals with 49 seats.—  
Reuter.

## Jap. To Attend London Labour Conference

Tokyo, October 14.

The Japan Congress of Labour  
Unions, at its Central Executive  
Committee meeting on Wednesday,  
decided to send its CEC chair-  
man, Mr. Chuzo Moriuchi, to the  
inauguration of the World Free  
Labour Confederation to be held  
in London in November.

A representative of the State  
Railway Workers' Union will be  
chosen at the national convention  
of the Democratisation League  
faction of the union, which will  
be held at Shiobara, Gumma Pre-  
fecture, on Thursday.

Observers have indicated that  
the chairman of the union, Mr.  
Etsuo Kato, would probably be  
elected.—Reuter.

Newswire, October 13.

Twelve thousand workers of  
the Newswire industrial area on  
the Rhine, in the French Zone,  
today struck work for half an  
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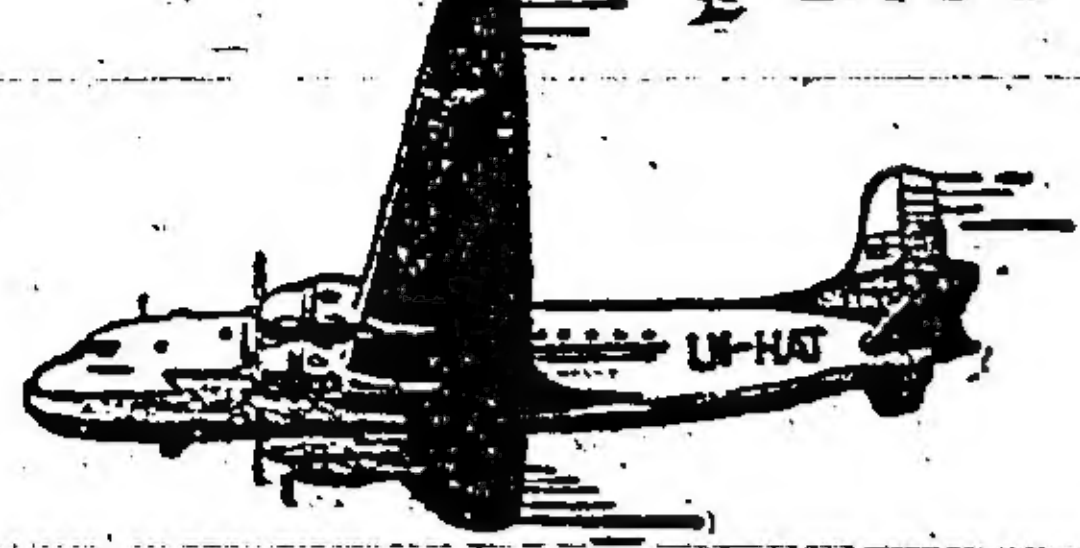
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## FUTURE OF MILLIONS

Will China, troubled and wasted for decades by ruinous wars, have any chance under Communist rule of peace and its concomitant prosperity? Flushed with military victory and the annexation of vast territory, the new rulers of the country will soon, despite all attempts at suppressing news, have to face the reality of the close scrutiny of the outside world.

It is doubtful if Mao's stirring promises were ever meant to be implemented, except in such cases as the expropriation of wealthy estates, which are intended as soon as possible to become the property of the "People" as a government entity, not the "people" as individuals. It needs little underlining that the millions of underprivileged living around the starvation level are not going to step suddenly into any paradise of ease and plenty.

The agrarian economy of China is deeply rooted in tradition and practice, and it will not be easy without courting disaster to make the many improvements that are obviously vitally necessary if the ever-increasing population is not to meet disaster in view of the insufficient production of basic foodstuffs.

While it is known that agrarian reformers are active in the new republic, it is believed that the current demand for industrialization is likely to be given first priority, however unwise this may be. With their eyes turned to Russia, the Chinese Communists forget the many differences that exist between their own country and the USSR, an enormous and thinly-populated land mass with huge stretches of fertile farmland, iron, coal oil and almost every other raw material necessary for the building of a modern nation. Not that Russia has achieved so much from a Western point of view, but it looks good from Peking.

So the working class, deified in theory and brutally exploited in practice, will be used to conquer the difficulties ahead. What past regimes, hand in glove with the wicked foreigner, could not achieve, the glorious new People's Republic intends to do, at no matter what cost to the yan man.

There can be no doubt that there is much misery ahead, whatever the end will be, and it seems inevitable that even the most fanatic propagandists are in for serious disillusionment in the next few years. Despite some grandiose claims, there is little evidence that China possesses minerals and sources of power in sufficient quantity, or in convenient locations, to fit for the tremendous task of industrialization.

Further, judging by reports from Tientsin and Shanghai, enthusiasts are not willing to make the development gradually. They deem it as treason that methods successfully applied in Europe or America cannot be used with equal benefit in China, where conditions are often entirely different. Already their handling of existing businesses, now nationalized, is giving rise for doubts, and the workers who were promised so much are likely soon to wonder why their real wages have not increased with the liquidation of the exploiting capitalists.

It is believed in several quarters that Mao will eventually be forced to turn to the West for help. America is the obvious choice for capital loans, but Washington may

The recent debate on devaluation in the House of Commons pleased hardly anybody at all. The Government did not reveal what additional measures it intended to take besides devaluation. This is the most alarming feature of the crisis.

Everybody is agreed that devaluation by itself, if not accompanied by other measures, will be a good deal worse than useless. The pound will have been devalued without our exports over the long period having been increased.

Sir Stafford Cripps has said several times that he is highly satisfied with the Washington talks, and he believes that our problems can now be solved. But he has revealed absolutely nothing which justifies this optimism.

The great danger of devaluation is that it will be followed by inflation. Sir Stafford has admitted the failure of the disinflationary measures he has put into force in the past few months. But he has not announced any new and more effective measures. Second thoughts after devaluation are suggesting all kinds of problems which were at first overlooked. If the demand for British exports in the dollar area is to be so greatly increased—tenfold says Mr. Gaiskell—where are goods for export to be found?

## COTTON IS HIS PREY

By MARGARET GILRUTH

This is the story of what may well be termed the world's costliest worm. It has caused 40 million sterling damage to Egypt's fine new cotton crop; and it has not yet been checked for although the Government and landowners are mobilising all their resources to fight the menace, this persistent little worm continues to nibble and devour and thrive on Egypt's midsummer sun on record.

At the end of the first 10 days of September, experts in the agricultural banks and at the Ministry of Agriculture agreed that 25 to 30% of the Delta's long staple (Karnak) cotton could be considered as lost. The position will probably deteriorate; the worm is having an excellent and lengthy innings because the cotton crop here in Egypt is about 20 days late in being picked, another fact attributable to the incredibly cool season.

In the provinces thousands of peasants are being ruined; the big and wealthy landowners can, of course, support the heavy financial losses entailed although in some areas 80-85% of their crop is wiped out.

Alexandria, one of the world's great cotton centres, manipulators have been having a merry time in the Futures Market. As soon as news of the cotton worm's march across crops in the Delta reached Alexandria, the market was influenced, speculators got busy, and prices began to soar.

At August 1, when prospects looked fairly good, the price quoted for the new crop long staple was \$6.50. At August 30, when the news was bad, the price shot to \$7.05, and to 74 on the black market. A day or two later it fell to 63, but at September 10 it had soared to 67.50.

The Egyptian Government recently decided to annex 12,180 bales against payment in hard currency. Sales to the United States of 25,000 bales are about to take place at the very low price of 50 dollars per bunter—this is from the Government stocks and the agreeable price can be attributed to Egypt's grave shortage of dollars.

This year, before it was apparent the crop would be decimated by the worm, Egypt was collecting satisfactory orders for her cotton from new and old customers abroad. India has begun to turn to Egypt for the finer counts; Pakistan has agreed to take a large quantity of yarn as much as her cotton stocks are now in the hands of Hindus. If the price is reasonable, Italy will order and pay in sterling. Czechoslovakia wants Egypt's cotton; she either pays in sterling or in armaments for Egypt's army, which is undergoing a modernising process. Japan buys on the barter system conducted on a triangular basis or direct; she pays in everything one can think of—pipes, pots, pans and textiles. Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia and Austria all pay on the barter system, supplying principally chemicals and textiles.

Egypt's clients are regarding the rise in price with dismay for they are becoming weary of a market which is apt to fluctuate wildly, and often unpredictably. Exporters in Alexandria are not ably canny. Although the so-called "barter" system is still in operation, it is procurable, it is evident that if Egypt's cotton crop is three weeks to a month late in reaching Alexandria there will be a squeeze in deliveries in October which may affect the programme of millabroad.

# AFTER DEVALUATION

By "WINDRUSH"

Production cannot be greatly increased over the short term.

Clearly there must be a great switch-over of exports from Eastern markets to Western markets. This is going to cause a very awkward transitional period. To some extent, increased exports must be the expense of diminished domestic consumption.

Over the debate in the House of Commons hung the shadow of the general election. Until the election is over, both sides are unwilling to reveal the measures which they would adopt to deal with the crisis. Neither party dares to admit that the standard of living must be lowered.

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## The Crisis Continues

By "WINDRUSH"

A month has passed since the devaluation debate in the House of Commons. Sir Stafford Cripps has made a speech at the Mansion House. Almost everything that has happened since the Washington talks has increased rather than lessened the anxiety in London.

Protests have come from the countries of Western Europe about the failure of Sir Stafford Cripps to inform them in time of the decision to devalue. Speaking in the Indian Parliament, Dr. Mathai the Finance Minister said that at the recent conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers it had been understood that they were preparing to discuss the devaluation of the pound at the Washington talks. Sir Stafford was to be the "managing agent" for all the sterling area. The brief contained nothing about devaluation. Devaluation was not even discussed at the conference. In Washington Sir Stafford said Dr. Mathai had gone far beyond his brief. He had not informed the Indian Cabinet until 48 hours before the public announcement. But America had been informed a fortnight in advance.

## New Measures

The Labour Government has still not disclosed what new measures it plans to take beyond increasing the Profits Tax. It has woken up to the danger of inflation, but it does not explain what it is going to do about it. It agrees that there must be economies. But it has announced at once that none of the really expensive things—social services, defence services—will be touched. After saying that devaluation will hardly affect the cost of living, it is now saying that it will affect it very considerably.

Everybody agrees that all the valuable efforts of devaluation would be nullified if there were a general rise of wages. The Government has appealed to the trade unions to accept a "wage freeze". But by an order of living to the poorest paid workers, it has suggested that there should be an increase in the lowest wages up to a national minimum wage.

Better paid workers would thus have to accept a diminution in the gap between their wages and the minimum wage. Trade unionists are not enthusiastic about this proposal. They are suspicious of any move by the government to interfere in the fight of each union for higher wages.

The feeling is growing that the general election must be held as early as possible. Before the election the government dare not announce the measures which are necessary but which cannot fail to be unpopular. On October 3 both the "Times" and "Manchester Guardian" published leading articles about the crisis which were very despondent.

## No Remedy

The "Times" said: "Devaluation is no remedy; it is merely a step which may make it easier to adopt the right remedy." The "Manchester Guardian" knows that the country has been living beyond its means. But he still cannot say more than the debate revealed about what is to be done. It is the task of his Majesty's Government, whether those Ministers who still have the privilege of the chance, if they choose, or the successors, to call up a great and sustained effort.

This is the first hint from the non-party "Times" that a change of government might help to solve the crisis. The "Manchester Guardian" in a leading article called "Near Bankruptcy" said: "The expenditure of the British gold reserve in the quarter (March) just ended was £100 million. The pound was devalued when we were near bankruptcy. And all the present evidence is that bankruptcy has been put off for no more than a few months by the measures so far in sight." Bankruptcy for Britain would mean that the sterling area would break up; that a large part of world trade would be disrupted; that British imports would fall sharply; and that the resulting industrial disturbance there would be a heavy employment and a little bit of currency. It is hard to believe that even the

as a result of devaluation the cost of living will not be raised by more than one point. The opposition accuses the government of knowing that the rise will be much greater—and of knowing that it must be large if devaluation is to have the purpose intended in increasing British exports.

## Trade Unions

At the moment the Government is probably less concerned about what the opposition thinks than about what the trade unions think. If the trade unions refuse to agree to "freeze" wage rates for the time being, then there will be no possibility of

most electionarily sensitive of ministers would be content to cling to present Government policies if they had taken clear measure of the dangers immediately ahead. The only policy that will increase our dollar earnings is retrenchment in spending at home. As long as that is lacking we shall go on moving quickly to bankruptcy.

## Dangerous Point

The crisis has reached the stage where bankruptcy, with all the consequences described by the "Manchester Guardian" will be upon us fairly early next year, unless the country is willing to accept a reduction in its standard of living.

It is impossible to think that the trade unions and the labour movement will not bow to the inevitable. But they will demand a very considerable increase in the taxation of the rich. The increase in the Profits Tax was a mere ineffective gesture compared with what will be demanded. Organised labour will require that if its standard of living is to fall, there should be real austerity for the well-to-do. What a Labour member of parliament called the "Dorchester and Grosvenor standard of life" would be a red rag to a people whose pay-packets were being cut.

At taxation is increased much further, the incentive to private enterprise may finally be eliminated. The state would then be compelled to extend its activities further than is at present contemplated. The chain of events may be different if it is the Conservatives, not Labour, which win the general election, whenever this comes. Up to the present there has been curiously little speculation in the press about what would happen in case of a Conservative victory. A Conservative Government, even if returned by a large majority, might run into great difficulty if it tried to reduce living standards. During the great coal crisis early in 1947 the coal miners saw that they could at any time bring the entire coal industry to a standstill. A Conservative Government might have an adequate policy to deal with Britain's financial crisis. But if Labour was bent on opposing it, the Conservatives could never carry their policy through.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA

Vatican City, October 13. Disguised as pedlars, merchants and tradesmen, Catholic priests have gone underground in Communist occupied China in efforts to carry on their Ministry. It was reported in Vatican City today. Hong Kong reports to the Office of Propaganda, Fide-Vatican Congregation that supervises missionary work say that missionaries are working under increasing difficulties and restrictions, especially in provincial towns and country areas.

There is toleration in Peking and Tientsin, "but outside these cities," the reports said, "there is little or no religious freedom." Priests and acolytes have in some instances been arrested and accused of "wasting time." One priest was forced to work in the fields for 15 days to make up time that authorities claimed he had "squandered." In outlying missions of the Archdiocese of Shanghai, the reports said, authorities frequently restrict prayer on the ground that any time given to it is time wasted.—Associated Press.

## PRINCESS ON HOUSING

Bromley, October 13. Princess Elizabeth, who got a new home herself four months ago, urged England today to get on with its giant re-housing job. Above all, she said, England must rebuild its churches. The Princess laid the foundation of a new parish church here to replace the ancient one destroyed by German bombs. "We must certainly build new houses and flats," she said, "but it would be altogether wrong to neglect the rebuilding of our churches on the faint assumption that our material comfort is more important than our spiritual welfare."—Associated Press.

preventing a rise in the costs of industry which will cancel out all the advantage to exports from devaluation.

There have been two meetings between Sir Stafford Cripps and the trade union leaders. The trade unions are still non-committal. The Government would not object to a rise in wages of the lowest paid workers. But the more highly paid workers may object that they cannot afford to forego the differential between their wages and the wages of the unskilled. Thus an upward trend might start through the entire industrial system.

The dissatisfaction over the vagueness of the Government's policy has increased sharply since the debate. In the influential political magazines, the Government recently had had one of its worst week-ends since it took office. The "Economist" says: "Never has Sir Stafford Cripps expounded more clearly what needed to be done, and never has he refused more firmly to play any part in bringing it about. Socialists above all other people believe that the national economy can be made to respond to governmental policy. Why do they cry havoc in terms of ever-increasing urgency, and refuse to do anything about it? The answer is of course that unpleasant actions cannot be undertaken on the eve of an election."

The increase in the profits tax is described as a bludgeoning swipe—a means of buying off the trade unions for no more than a week or two.

The "Spectator" says: "What should have been the occasion for a united national effort has been turned into an open political quarrel with the Government asking for a vote of confidence at the same time behaving in such a manner that vote cannot possibly be given."

"Time and Tide" says: "There is every indication that the Government, compelled to devalue by the iron logic of events, has not never has had and shows no sign of having, the faintest idea of what are likely to be the consequences of devaluation." The attack on the government by the opposition is now being reinforced by complaints from the governments of the continent. These claim that they were never properly consulted by the British Government before devaluation. Some British members of parliament are arguing that in this the government acted not only unwisely but also that it broke its contracts under the international monetary agreements of 1945 and 1947.

The suspicion on the continent has sharpened that the British Government is not at all in earnest in its backing of European unity and the Strasbourg Parliament.

The devaluation crisis is the culmination of the long-term economic crisis which has been developing throughout the Labour Party's tenure of office. Whether the general election is held now or next year, it is certain now that it will be fought, not on particular issues, but on the question of socialism in its broadest sense.

The present government has been very loyal to certain basic principles. Its supporters claim that the difficulties in Great Britain are due, not to the following of these principles, but to the circumstances of the time. The opposition claims the exact opposite. The electorate has to decide which is right.

Mr. Churchill's speech in the debate has been much criticised. But it did lift the debate above technical questions to the largest issues of policy. The dollar crisis and the threat of the atom bomb—in Mr. Churchill's view the one cannot be considered without the other—Great Britain today is a strange spectacle.

A part of its people are bent on maintaining their standard of living, and are deaf to all talk of the need for national sacrifices. Another part is desperately anxious to maintain Britain's place in the world. The Government wishes to achieve both results, but has failed to explain how it means to do so.

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Trade Mark: Hammer and Sickle.

Yes indeed. "The appeal by the authorities to all users of the road in the fight against unnecessary human life, ought to find a hearty response."

Don't you adore these splash stories from Canton, saying that nothing has happened, and all is quiet? The union of telephone-based reporters and forward-looking British consular officials is just too vividly revealing, don't you think?

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He's worried about the election!



# ATTLEE TO APPEAL FOR EFFORT TO SPEED RECOVERY

London, October 13.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is expected to follow up today's announcement that there will be no autumn election by an appeal to the British public to get on with the job of economic recovery.

Authoritative quarters tonight said that the Government opposes an autumn election because it considers it wrong in the public interest to dissolve Parliament at this particular point in the economic situation.

The Cabinet believes that its job is to carry out its declared policy, with whatever modifications may be called for by the economic situation, according to plan, and that one certain effect of an election now would be to retard the recovery programme by a month.

The impression is gained that the Cabinet is now extremely anxious to see a truce in the speculation while the country grapples with economic realities. The Government has a maximum of nine months in which to ensure that the benefits of the sterling devaluation are not lost.

Parliament's five years' lease of life must end by the beginning of August. The Government's aim in the interval is to secure a measure of economic improvement that will vindicate devaluation when the time comes for the election to be held.

The Prime Minister's decision to stick to his plan for a spring election is stated authoritatively to have received overwhelming Cabinet support at today's meeting.

The part played by the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Cabinet's left wing leader, who is believed to lead the Government "early election" champions, is not known.

## Left Wing Shocked

But a subject of political comment tonight was a further article in the left wing Labour weekly "Tribune," which has frequently been regarded as reflecting Mr. Bevan's views.

This periodical stimulated speculation a fortnight ago by an article proposing an immediate election.

This week's "Tribune," which went to press before Mr. Attlee's decision was announced, stated: "We prefer to hope that the country has now been moved and that the test will come in November."

From this it looks as if today's development may come as a considerable shock to the Party's left wing elements.

Two certain consequences of the Prime Minister's action will be the nationalisation of iron and steel within the lifetime of the present Parliament and the passing of the House of Lords' powers of delaying legislation.

## March Or May

Authoritative quarters tonight indicated that beyond deciding that the election will be next year the Prime Minister has fixed no date.

Speculative reports have already suggested dates in March and May.

The British Communist Party, in a communique tonight, said that the Government announcement, "made immediately after Mr. Bevan's return from America, shows that American big business insists on the Labour Government carrying through immediately the offensive against the living conditions of the British workers."

Mr. Attlee said in a speech tonight that he had announced that there would be no election this year because widespread election speculation was causing uncertainty injurious to Britain's national effort.

## Devaluation Not A Solution

The discussions covered a wide range of subjects and resulted in a greater understanding of "the most intractable problem, that of the balance of payments," and a determination on the part of the British, American and Canadian Governments to work together for its solution.

Devaluation, Mr. Attlee said, had "never been put forward as a solution" but was "an essential factor in restoring our position" and provided the needed stimulus for the export drive.

There were certain "consequential measures" to be taken in Britain which are being worked out, and of which the country would be fully informed within a few days, he said.

Mr. Attlee said that Britain, as a member of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, had given a lead to other members by announcing the removal of "a substantial part of our import restrictions."

"There are signs that other countries are following our lead," he added.

"If our hopes are disappointed we shall have to reconsider our action, but we are anxious that there should be no unreasonable impediments to our importing from countries with which we are not in balance of payments difficulties."

## Tory Call

The Conservative Party Conference today unanimously supported a call for development to the British Commonwealth and Empire preference.

The 4,500 delegates passed a resolution saying: "While grudging no other state or group of states the right to make their own tariff arrangements, this conference insists that Great Britain and the British Commonwealth must have full freedom to exercise that same right, and maintain that the future safety and prosperity of the whole Commonwealth depends upon a policy of Empire development under a system of mutual preference in its widest sense, covering industry and agriculture, finance, shipping and aviation."

Mr. Oliver Stanley, son of the Earl of Derby and a former Colonial Secretary, who wound up the debate on behalf of the Conservative leadership, warned the delegates that in questions of Empire policy "emotion and sentiment" were not by themselves enough.

"We must remember the realities of the Empire as it is today. In any real discussion of Imperial policy we have to remember that we are not the sole dictators and not the only people concerned. It is not enough merely to state what we should like. We have to take into consideration what the other parts of the Empire desire."

## Humans Could Not Survive Another War

Lake Success, October 13. Dr. Brock Chisholm, Director-General of the World Health Organization, said today that bacteriological weapons have been developed to a point where most of the human race would not survive another war.

And no nation knows what any other nation has in the way of bacteriological weapons, he told a news conference.

Dr. Chisholm, a Canadian, said that the bacteriological weapons developed by some nations are so powerful that they make the atomic bomb obsolete.—Associated Press.

## KASHMIR DISPUTE REPORT

Geneva, October 13.

Mr. Carlos Leguizaman, Chairman of the United Nations Kashmir Commission, said here today that the Commission's report to the Security Council would recommend continued United Nations efforts to solve the Kashmir question.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Leguizaman declined any details on what measures the report would propose. He stressed the Commission's success in bringing about a cease-fire and fixing true demarcation lines, adding, "I do not think hostilities will ever begin again in Kashmir."

"I am expressing the opinion of all my colleagues when I say that the United Nations will continue to do everything possible to help India and Pakistan in their problems," he said.

Asked if the Commission's report would recommend further action to break down the barriers to a plebiscite, Mr. Leguizaman replied, "Certainly."

M. Erik Colban, Norwegian Ambassador and representative of the United Nations Secretary-General with the Kashmir Commission, said, "Nothing remains but to present a fair account and ask the Security Council to decide what further mediation work can be carried out."

Mr. Leguizaman said that the report would probably take three weeks or a month to complete in Geneva before the Commissioners go on to Lake Success.

M. Colban plans to return to India about the middle of next month.—Reuter.

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## Only Way

Mr. Stanley said that he did not believe a system of Empire priorities and development was inconsistent either with association with the United States or the states of Western Europe.

"There is only one way in which Britain can regain the economic independence we desire and which the United States must wish to restore and that is as the centre and leader of a close knit economic Empire," he said.

The Government decision against an autumn election was flashed on the screen at the Conservative Party Conference.

Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation, commented afterwards: "This delaying of the election means that there will be an inevitable hesitation in business circles which will not be good for the recovery of the country."—Reuter.

# Mao Tse-Tung's Message To British MP's

London, October 13.

The head of the new government of Communist China called today for "friendship between the peoples of Britain and China."

The wish was expressed in a telegram from Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Government of the Chinese People's Republic, to five left wing House of Commons members who call themselves "the Labour Independents."

All five MP's have been expelled from the Labour Party because of their "sympathy with Communism." They are Messrs. D. N. Pritt, Leslie Hutchinson, John Platts-Mills, L. J. Solley and Konni Zilliacus.

They sent the Chinese Communists a cable of greetings last week promising to work for full British recognition of the new government at Peking.

"I thank you for your greetings," said Mao's reply. "I wish success to your just efforts and those of the broad masses of the British people in promoting friendship between the peoples of Britain and China."

In Rangoon, the independent English daily "Nation" today reported the Foreign Minister, U. Nu, as saying that the Burmese Government will not have diplomatic consultations with British Commonwealth countries now discussing the de facto recognition of Communist China.

According to the paper, U. Nu said Burma's ultimate decision will not be influenced by any decision taken by any Commonwealth country.

Meanwhile, other press reports said that school-teachers were among those arrested yesterday during a city-wide round-up of alleged police of subversive elements. The arrested persons are believed to be members of an underground Communist ring.

## Paris Mix-up

Chinese diplomats who went over to the Communists have received instructions from their new chief at Peking to hold the Embassy in Paris, their leader said in Paris yesterday. He is Lin Chi-han, formerly Minister Counsellor of the Embassy. He told a reporter: "Now we are bound to remain unless the French use force to remove us."

The French Foreign Ministry said on Monday that six Chinese officials would be struck from the diplomatic list as a consequence of their revolt. France does not recognise the Chinese Communist regime.

Russia is compiling two Russian-Chinese dictionaries, the first "including the terminology of the new Democratic China," Tass, official Russian news agency, said in a Leningrad dispatch distributed in London by the Soviet Monitor.

Tass said that the first work will contain about 300,000 words and be in three volumes. One volume has already gone to press.

## India's Stand

India is studying a Chinese Communist request for recognition as the legal government of China, the Foreign Ministry in New Delhi announced today.

He added that India hoped that informal contacts would continue between the new government and India's consular representatives. Nationalist China, he said, has asked the Arab nations to support her complaint to the United Nations against alleged Russian intervention in the Chinese civil war.

The Chinese Ambassador in Cairo, Ho Feng-shan, has asked the Arab League Secretary-General, Azzam Pasha, to request the Arab nations to instruct their UN delegations to support China.—Associated Press.

## WARNING ON BURMA

London, October 13.

The Burmese Government's delay in taking practical measures to attract British commercial and Government support will result in the Communist domination of Burma, the "Financial Times" said in an editorial today.

Commenting on a speech on Wednesday by W. J. C. Richards of the Consolidated Tin Mines of Burma, the "Financial Times" said it is difficult to disagree with his contention that capital investment should await restoration of law and order in Burma. "The other side of the argument is that undue delay and hesitation might prove fatal. Support from Britain, both governmental and commercial, might well be a factor in the fight against insurgent elements which can often be identified with Communist leaders."

The editorial said the British Government has given Burma every opportunity of providing for play for overseas investors. "They must now take their opportunity, otherwise they will have to face economic isolation and the almost inevitable corollary of Communist domination."—United Press.

## DIPLOMAT IN TROUBLE

Stockholm, October 13. The Malmö police today charged Arango Alsina of the Cuban Legation in Oslo, with smuggling one million American cigarettes into Sweden from Denmark in a diplomatic bag.

Alsina was arrested last month and accused of smuggling 12,000 nylon stockings into Sweden in the same way.

He claimed diplomatic immunity but was placed under house arrest.—Reuter.



MR. ATTLEE

# ANOTHER WAR A CERTAINTY

Melbourne, October 13.

The Australian Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General V. Sturdee, said today that there is no possibility of averting a third world war.

General Sturdee, who has just returned from a visit to Britain, said: "I see no possibility of a third world war being averted. It may not be for years, but it will come."

Russia's possession of the atomic bomb probably makes very little difference, he said.

"Like the gas bomb it might never be used. But the world must now prepare for atomic warfare the same way preparations were made for gas warfare in the recent war."

General Sturdee said: "Therefore the armies, navies and air forces will continue to play a leading part in any future war. The atom bomb would wipe out cities and war factories but it would be of little use against Russia's General manpower."

Life is considered an expendable commodity in Russia's aim of world domination, he declared.

"But there is one power which the Soviet Union fears and that is the United States. Therefore, America must lead the Western world and Britain and the Empire must be prepared to play second fiddle."—United Press.

# JAVA CHINESE BACK COMMIES

Medan, October 13.

Democrats of the entire Chinese population overseas support the Chinese People's Republic at Peking, according to the local paper "Rakyat" reports Aneta, the Dutch news agency.

This was the text of a resolution adopted by a mass meeting held here on the thirteenth anniversary of the Chinese Republic.

Another resolution asked the United Nations not to recognise Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the representative of the Chinese people.

The mass meeting sang the Communist anthem instead of the Nationalist one.

The picture of Chiang Kai-shek was absent during the meeting.—Reuter.



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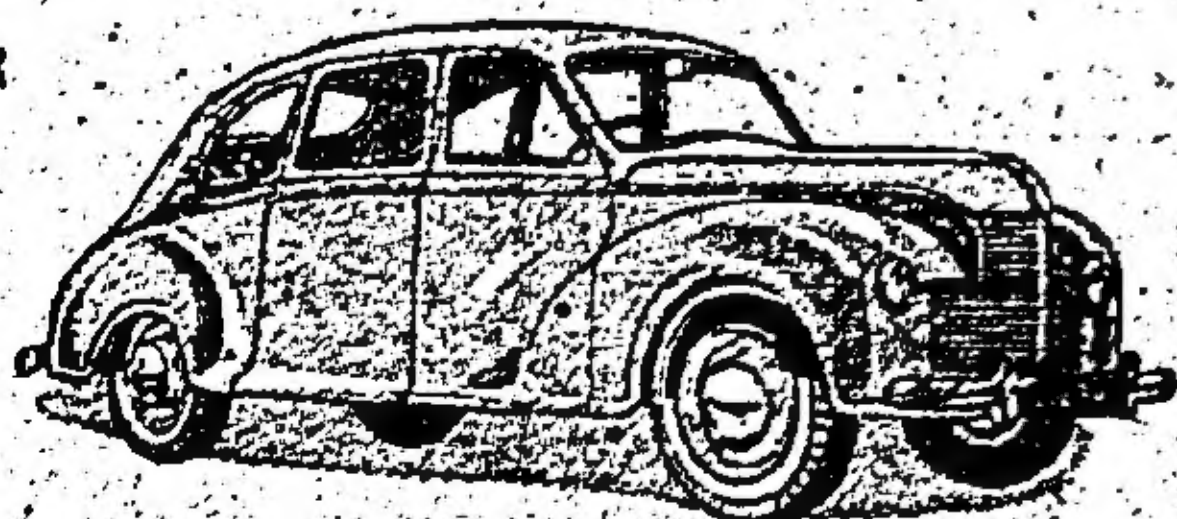
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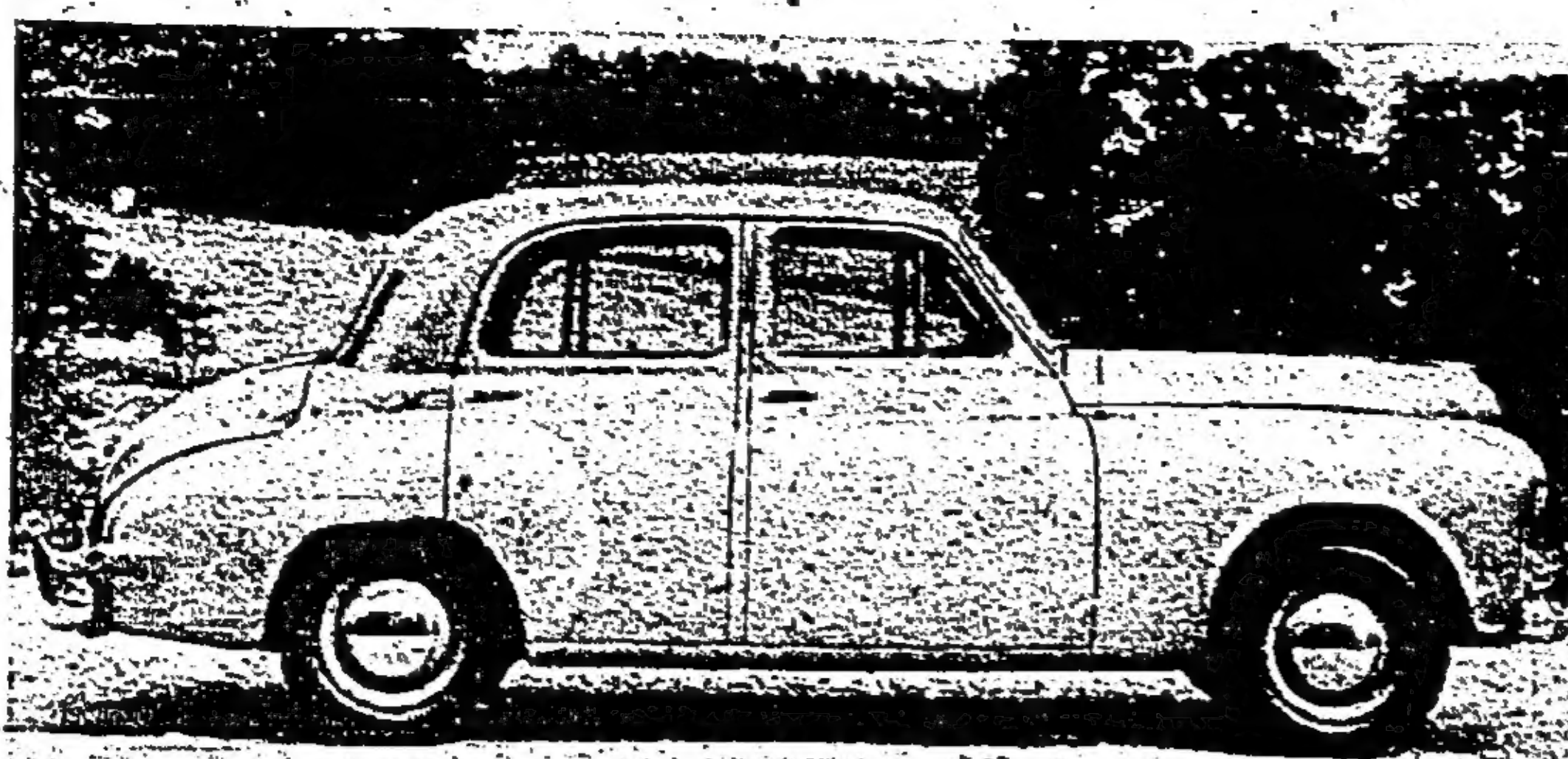
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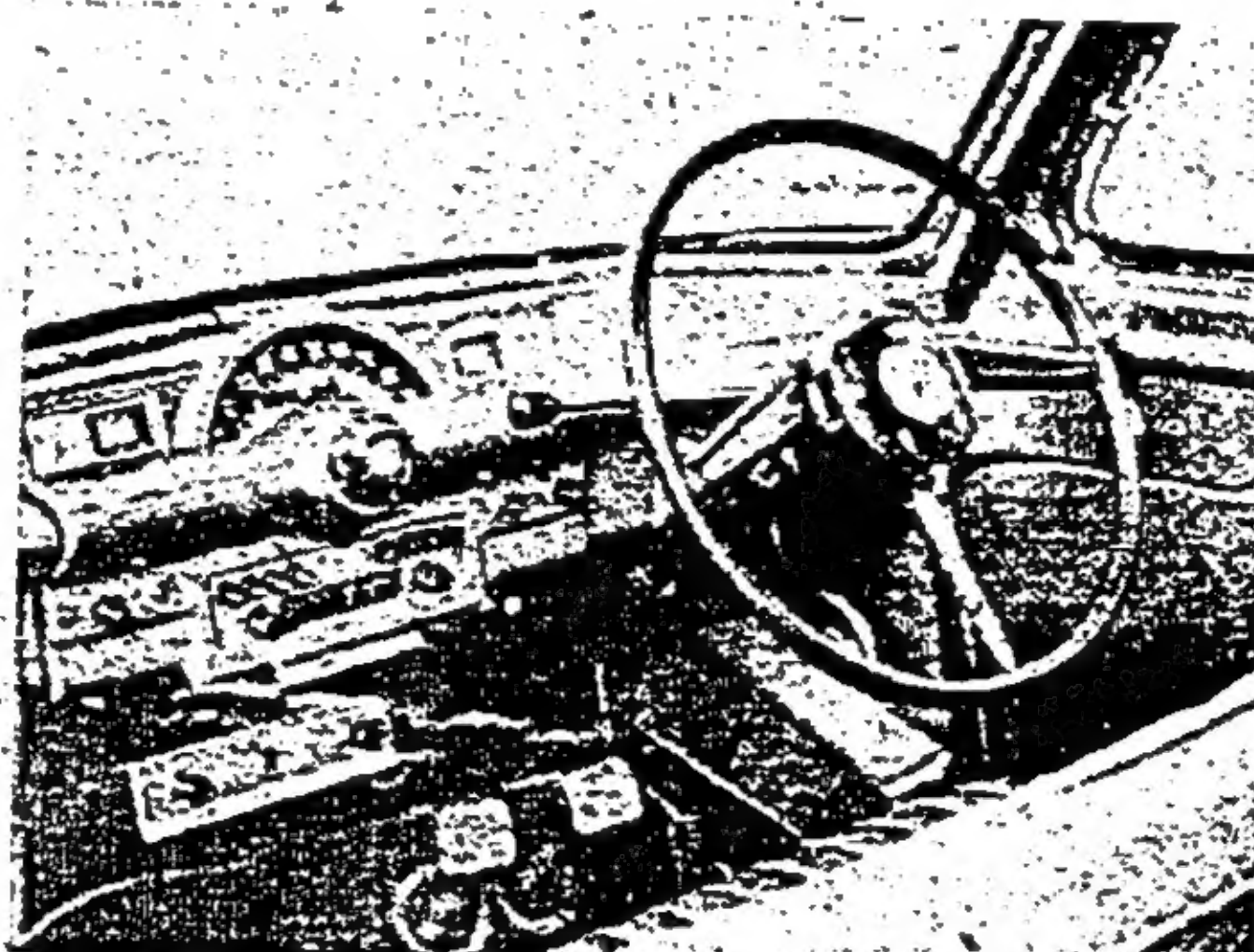
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The Humber Hawk, whose beautiful and smooth lines and excellent road performance have made it one of the most attractive British cars produced since the war. Picture at right shows the Hawk's large and easily readable instrument panel.



## Excellent Performance By New Humber Hawk

By Our Motoring Editor

A joy to drive and a pleasure to behold is a fitting comment for the new Humber Hawk, which was tested by the "China Mail" this week.

A family car with pronounced improvement in performance over former models, the Hawk, for which Gilman Motors are the local agents, is a car which brings out all the excellent features which have characterised British production in general, and that of the Rootes group in particular, since the end of the war.

The Hawk is a surprisingly powerful car, and its performance on the road leaves very little to be desired; in fact, there are times when the driver is made to believe he is handling a car of far greater power than is actually the case.

Possessing a four-cylinder 14 horse-power engine which does an average of 23 m.p.g., the Humber Hawk can attain a maximum speed of more than 70 miles an hour. Whatever the importance of maximum speed, there is no question of the place of acceleration as a factor in driving comfort on crowded roads, and in this respect the Humber Hawk does not let the motorist down.

**Acceleration Times**  
Acceleration times from 10 to 30 m.p.h. on top and third, respectively, are 11.1 and 7.4 seconds, while from 20 to 40 m.p.h. they are 11.3 and 8.2 seconds, and from 30 to 50 m.p.h., 13.1 and 12.4 seconds.

Figures, of course, are only one part of the story where car performance is concerned, and it should be added that the side-valve Hawk engine proved to be above average, in the case of the Colony's poor petrol, in displaying a very creditable absence both of pinking and of running on.

Other good points noticed about the Hawk were a very ready

starting (thanks to automatic choke) and a notably quiet tick-over.

The new independent front suspension system proved very effective, while pitching was entirely absent. On corners, the Hawk handled well at normal speeds. The steering itself is of the low-gear variety, but entails very little effort on the part of the driver.

Of special significance in driving the Hawk is the Synchronising steering-column gear change, a well-known Rootes feature which is a definite improvement over previous Humber models.

### Controls Well Placed

Other controls are also sensibly placed. The large, centrally-placed speedometer dial can be easily read, not only by the driver, but also by the passengers. Flanking the speedometer are a thermometer and fuel gauge, while, flanking them again, indicator lights are used in place of an oil gauge and ammeter.

Regarding vision, the Hawk also earns praise for the large curved rear window and the well-placed driving mirror. On the front door windows, hinged ventilating panels are used and are of the type which can be swung through an angle of more than 90 degrees, thus allowing the interior to be rapidly cooled after the car has been parked in the

sun on a hot day. This is a detail which will be particularly appreciated in Hong Kong.

So far as equipment is concerned, the owner of a Hawk is well provided with all the items expected on a car of this kind, including sun visors which can be swung round to shade the side windows as well as the screen, and an arrangement by which the interior lighting is interconnected with concealed switches operated by the front doors, so that the interior is illuminated whenever these doors are opened, irrespective of the position of the normal switch.

To sum up, the Hawk may be said to represent a much livelier model than its predecessor and one which will appeal to the family or professional owner who requires good accommodation and attractive appearance in the modern style, coupled with reasonable performance and economy of operation.

### ORGANISATION OF RALLY

Paris, October 14.  
The International Automobile Federation has appointed a Commission to study the organising of a rally which is expected to take place at the end of next year.

The Commission will be composed of members from Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, each country to nominate its own delegates.

No definite date has been fixed for the first meeting of the Commission, but the French Automobile Club told Reuter that it will start work very shortly. —Reuter.

## You Should Know This!

### HINTS ON FUEL ECONOMY

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Check the ignition timing and ensure that the automatic advance mechanism is operating.

Have the working pressure of the fuel pump (where fitted) checked.

See that the slow running mixture screw is properly adjusted.

Adjust the throttle stop to give slowest possible idling.

Examine the choke or starting device and see that it frees properly.

See that the air cleaner element (when fitted) is clean.

See that the jet settings are as recommended by the manufacturers.

Have the wheel alignment checked.

See that the hubs are properly greased.

Ensure that the brakes do not rub when "off."

Grease and service the car generally and ensure correct grades of lubricants are in engine, gearbox and rear axle.

**THE LEAKY TAP**  
As distinct from economies in actual fuel consumption there are causes of fuel wastage which can be aptly termed the "leaky tap."

They are—the leaking tap itself, leaking unions, leaking drain plugs and seams in the fuel tank, defective pump diaphragm, punctured carburettor float, careless filling and unnecessary idling.

(From The Hong Kong Automobile Association's Handbook For Motorists).

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## Popularity Of Cords Piston Rings

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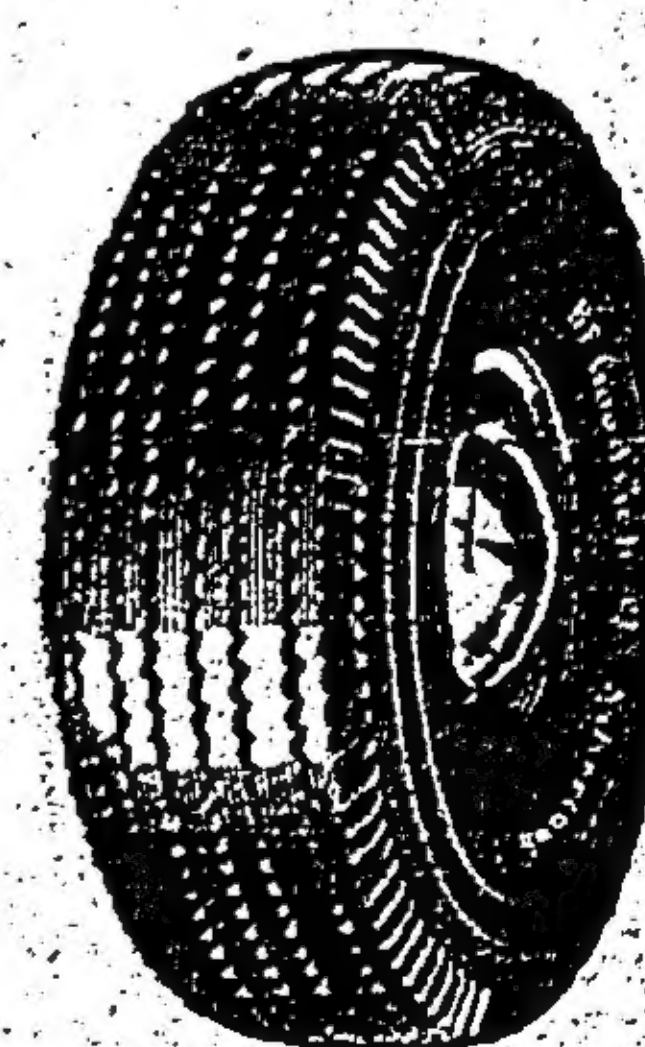
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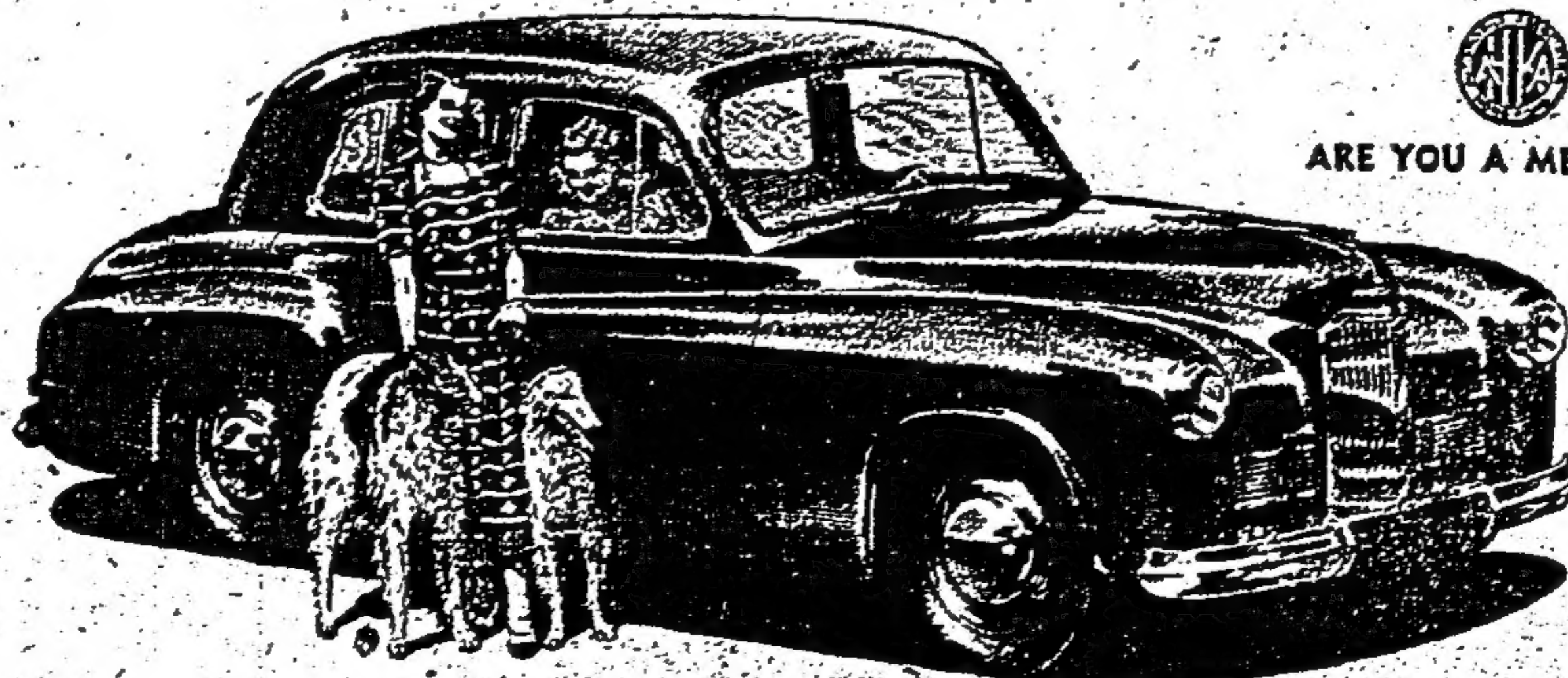


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## Tito's "Brotherhood" Road



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## BLUNT YUGOSLAV NOTE ACCUSES BULGARIANS

Belgrade, October 13.

### Plan To Fight Crime In Air

A plan to fight "crime in the air" by closer international police co-operation was adopted by the 18th Congress of the International Commission of Criminal Police, which closed here today. Delegates from 44 countries, including the United States, unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the suppression of "inhuman and illegal" police methods. Methods to eliminate air traffic in drugs and to stop criminals who seek to escape by plane are now being perfected. The Congress also agreed to draw up a new plan for the extradition of criminals. When ready, this plan will be submitted for approval to the United Nations. It was decided that next June the world's leading currency experts should meet at The Hague to discuss counterfeiting. The next Congress will be held at The Hague in 1950.—Reuter.

### TRAIN CRASHES OVER BRIDGE

Ancona, October 12. Three railwaymen were killed and several passengers injured when the brakes of a train crashed over a bridge, which was swept away by floods, at San Vito, near here. Widespread floods caused by torrential rains along the Bagnoli and Moro rivers caused the collapse of several other bridges in the Ancona area. A driver was seriously injured when a bridge collapsed as his truck was crossing and plunged him into the torrent. At Chieti, many families were rescued from floods by fire squads.—Reuter.

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I arrived at eight o'clock in the morning after an overnight train ride from San Francisco. It was a brilliant day, with the sun beating down on the hot pavement.

I assembled my bags and then rubbed my eyes. The town blazed with electric light. Every sign, every bulb, every advertisement was turned on.

Opposite the station was a mammoth chunk of neon lighting which spanned Virginia street, known as the Main Drag. It said in piercing electricity: "Reno, the biggest little city in the world."

I decided to walk to the Mapes Hotel and have my bags sent on.

Along Virginia street I strolled. The signs said: "Harold's Club," "Nevada Club," "Harrah's Club," "Bingo," "Dining," "Dancing."

Everything Open

Everything club was open, every club was crowded, every club resounded with the crash of slot (fruit) machines, the clink of silver dollars, the click of dice, the chant of the croupiers.

Eight o'clock in the morning and Reno was doing brisk business in wraps, cigarettes, poker, pool, blackjack, chuck-a-luck, the big, glossy, mirrored bars—every gambling club has a bar—were serving whiskey, scotch, gin and bourbon, highballs, Manhattans and Martinis, straight slugs of liquor, glasses of beer.

The gamblers and the tourists, dressed Western style in rakish Stetsons, jeans, high-heeled cow-

boy boots, red and yellow shirts, slipped their drinks, gambled, smoked cigarettes, gambled, peered at the gaming tables or the slot machines, gambled.

Money was piled high in neat patterns on the green cloth.

I said to a man who was cascading silver dollars into his jacket pockets: "They open early, eh?" The man said: "They never close."

Hotel's Casino

At the hotel as I signed the register the noise of the slot machines rang in my ear.

I thought it was merely an echo, but there, off the lobby, was the hotel's casino, stacked with the metal machines and the gaming tables.

Along the corridor of the seventh floor "Don't disturb" signs were hung on door handles. The bell boy said: "People been up all night—they rest up during the day. At least some do."

In my modest bedroom a sign on the dresser said: "No cheques cashed."

I looked out of the window and saw an anchored blimp against the blue sky. The sign on its silver side said: "Harold's Club."

A stage coach rattled past outside. On the door was painted "Harold's Club or Bust."

That was my introduction to Reno.

I am not sure that I have quite recovered from it yet. I have been in wide open towns before, but Reno has no doors. Everything is permitted. Nothing is barred.

This city of only 30,000 people lives on gambling and divorce.

It is the blatant legalized gambling which hits you first.

### Quiet Business

The divorce business is not visible or obvious. It has to be ferreted out of the respectable stone Washoe County Court House.

It would be possible to stay in Reno and never know that it was the world capital of divorce—the great separation centre.

There are an exceptional number of unescorted women hanging around "bachelor" lounges and bars and clubs, but there are an exceptional number of unescorted women in many American cities.

Questions about gambling are answered readily and without embarrassment, but questions about divorce are often parried. When you ask the locals about divorce, they are inclined to answer that this is a marrying town rather than a divorce town.

The man who took me on a sightseeing tour said eagerly: "I could get you a marriage licence in 10 minutes if you want one, and when I said, 'Not today, thank you,' he seemed disappointed."

### Any Excuse?

Last year 6,452 divorces were granted in Reno's Court House; 24,354 marriages were legalised.

Nevada grants divorces for any trivial offence if the plaintiff can show that she or he (usually she) has stayed six weeks here. Extreme cruelty, "mental in nature," such as failing to kiss the little wife "Good Morning," is a good enough excuse.

I have discovered also that divorce is not such an expensive hobby in Reno as we have all been led to believe.

There are the wealthy divorcees who stay at the dude ranches a few miles from the town and spend 3,000 to 4,000 dollars on a divorce, hiring batteries of lawyers for no particular reason, but the great mass of divorcees can be put through for 500 or 600 dollars.

Many of the waitresses and some of the "shills" who serve as come-ons to gamblers are earning their divorces the hard way, amassing enough dollars by work to pay lawyers.

The lawyers are the leeches of this town. There are more than 200 of them, and nearly all are prosperous.

Not everyone in this town where everything is permitted is, of course, a gambler or a divorcee. The majority are as you and I. They work at the accepted trades and professions for a living.

The newspapermen, the typists, the shopgirls, the clerks, the bus drivers, the mechanics rarely go near the gaming houses. They don't drop in at the Court House (except the reporters carrying a Social Register or Who's Who to track down a name or two).

They are proud of their handsome, tree-lined, prosperous little town. They will rush to its defence in a minute.

### Whistle Halt

The local newspaper, the "Nevada State News," which has a flattering front-page story on my mission, rarely touches divorce or gambling stories.

The paper might be printed in Leeds or Birmingham as far as the local honky-tonks and hoopla are concerned.

Yet the truth is that all these people who don't gamble and who are not employed by the gambling houses or the divorce sharks to some extent owe their incomes to the twin big businesses of gambling and divorce. Without these world fame (ill-fame) or fortune, it would be just a little Nevada town, maybe a whistle halt, but nothing more.

Footnote: Reno? Oh, no!

## UN Decision On Church Trials

Lake Success, October 13.

The United Nations' special Political Committee voted overwhelmingly today to recommend that the General Assembly send the issue of the Balkan church trials to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion.

The Committee expressed a mild rebuke to Russia and her Balkan partners—Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary—for their refusal to arbitrate under the Balkan peace treaties. Western charges that the prosecution of Cardinal Mindszenty and other Church leaders constituted a violation of human rights.

It voted in favour of a resolution introduced by the United States, Bolivia and Canada, 41 to five. Yugoslavia did not vote with the Soviet bloc against the resolution but abstained along with France and Israel among others.

The United States and Britain contend that the three Balkan countries, with the support of Russia, violated their peace treaties by refusing to put into operation arbitration machinery established in those pacts for the settlement of disputes.

The Balkan countries, with Russia as their UN spokesman, contend that no dispute exists under the meaning of the treaties.

The resolution sent to the Assembly by the Committee asks the International Court to decide four questions.

1. Do the diplomatic exchanges concerning the church trials, passed between Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania and the Western powers, disclose that the disputes are subject to the provisions of the peace treaties?

2. If so, are Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania obligated to submit the disputes to arbitration in the manner provided in the treaties?

3. If one party fails to appoint a representative to the Treaty Commission to consider the dispute, is the Secretary-General of the United Nations empowered, under the pacts, to appoint a neutral third member?

4. Does the world treaty commission, comprising a representative of one side and a neutral appointed by the UN Secretary-General, constitute a legal group to decide disputes within the meaning of the treaties?

## Assassin Sentenced To Death

Cairo, October 13.

Abdel Meguid Hasan, a 23-year-old student, was sentenced to death today for the assassination of the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashi Pasha, last December 28.

The sentence, announced by the High Military Tribunal, was approved by the Grand Mufti of Egypt—the final reviewing authority.

Four of Hasan's accomplices were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labour. Ten other accused were found not guilty.

Hasan, a member of an extremist organisation, was disguised as a police lieutenant when he shot the Premier with a revolver in the Interior Ministry building. —Associated Press.

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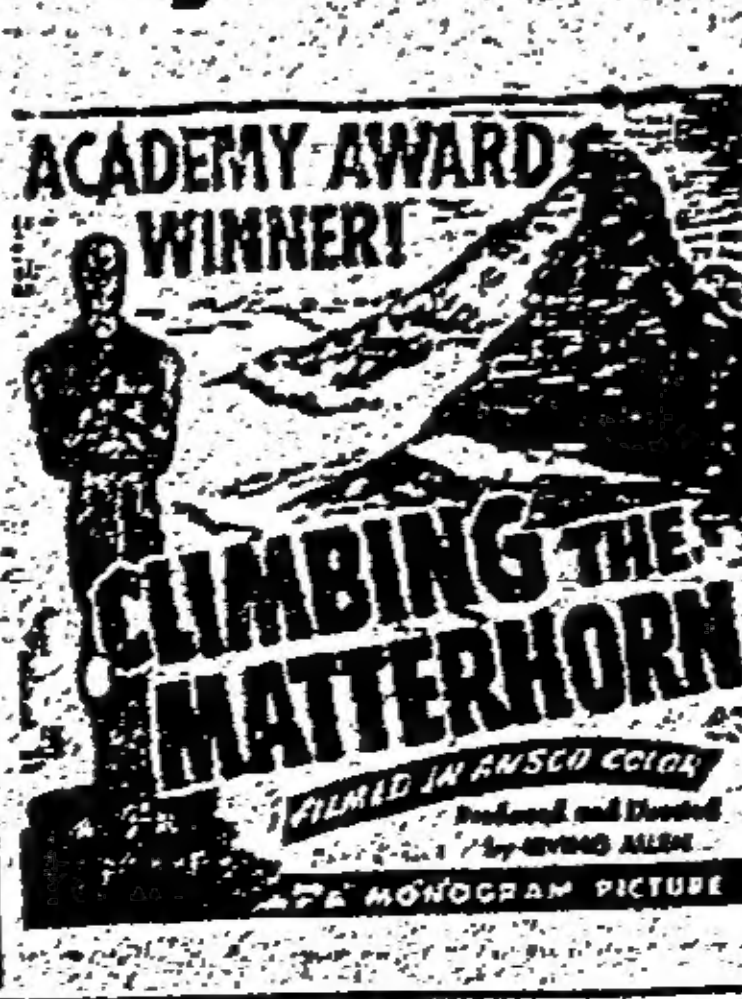
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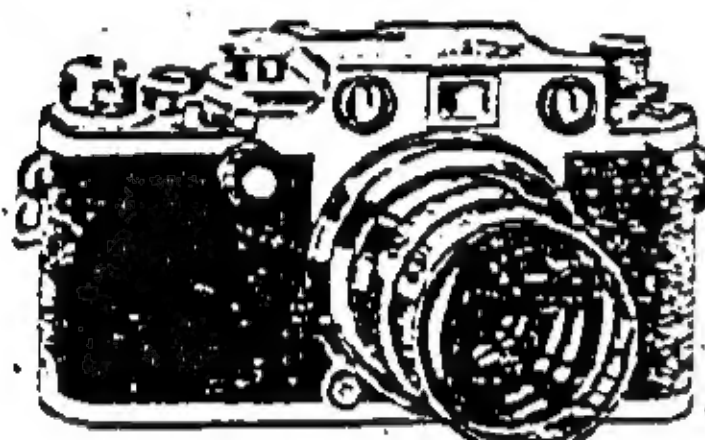
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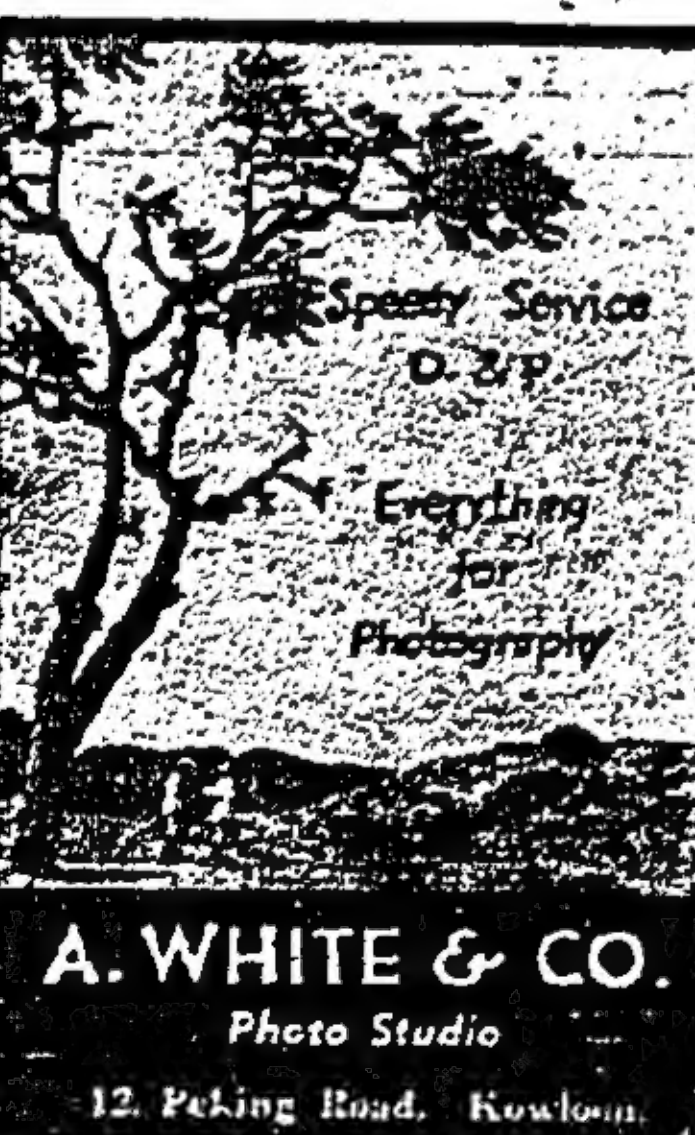
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# MR. NEHRU CONFERS WITH MR. ACHESON

Washington, October 13.

The State Department announced that the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had a wide, general exchange of views during their 50-minute conference here today. No joint communique was issued, but a State Department spokesman said after the meeting: "There was a general exchange of views on questions of common interest ranging over a broad field of topics."

"It was not the purpose of the meeting to reach decisions on any of these questions and none was reached."

The spokesman refused to give any specific details of the topics discussed and added: "I think you could characterize the meeting by saying that they merely explored each other's minds."

He added that the best indication of the subjects discussed was the members of the State Department who were present during the talks.

These were: Mr. Roy Henderson, United States Ambassador to India; Mr. Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs; Mr. George McGhee, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and African Affairs; Mr. Philip Jessup, Ambassador-at-Large and Director of Chinese Policy; Mr. George Kennan, Counselor and Director of the Policy Planning Staff; and Mr. Albert Matthews, Director of the Office of Southern Asian Affairs.

With Mr. Nehru were the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Pandit, and Sir Jirja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

**Sees Truman**

The Prime Minister and his party, and Mr. Acheson, left the State Department immediately after the meeting and went to the White House for a conference with President Truman.

Mr. Nehru's meeting with Mr. Acheson lasted just under an hour. On leaving the State Department he posed briefly for photographers and continued on to the White House where he, Mr. Pandit, Sir Jirja and Mr. Acheson were to meet President Truman. President Truman at his press conference today described Pandit Nehru as a fine public servant.

Referring to Mr. Nehru's official call on him, the President said that this was just an official call and that no specific subject had been fixed for discussion.

An official welcome to New York will await Pandit Nehru at the City Hall at noon on Monday when he arrives from Washington at about 10 a.m.

**At Hyde Park**  
In the afternoon Pandit Nehru will be the guest of honour at a reception given by Sir Benegal Rau, India's permanent representative to the United Nations.

The Indian Premier will later attend a dinner at Columbia University.

On Tuesday he will be the guest of the Overseas Press Club at a luncheon.

He will be the guest of honour on Wednesday night at a dinner given jointly by the Foreign Policy Association, the India League, the East and West Association and the Institute of Public Relations.

Before his arrival here, the Indian Premier will be the guest on Sunday of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the late President, at her home at Hyde Park, New York.

While there, he will place a wreath on President Roosevelt's grave.—Reuter.



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## PRIESTS SENT TO CAMPS

Prague, October 13.  
Authoritative Church sources estimated today that about 300 Catholic priests had so far been arrested in Czechoslovakia for their opposition to the State's new Church law.

The latest reports from various districts showed that priests marked down as "incapacitated" were being sent to camps to "corrective labour."

Private but first-hand sources at the same time reported incidents indicating that considerable pressure was being brought to bear on the Catholic clergy to persuade them to acquiesce in the Government's plans.

These reports said that priests were being threatened with destitution. Arrests were continuing and violence was being used in some cases, these reports asserted.

The new Church measures proposed by the State include the establishment of a Department of State to administer Church affairs. This will have control of all Church property.

All priests will become civil

## A War With Russia Would Be Long One

Washington, October 13.  
Admiral R. A. Spruance, retired head of the United States Naval War College, said today that no future war with Russia could be won quickly or by the atom bomb alone.

He told the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee that the principal aim of the United States in a war with Russia would be the overthrow of the dictatorship ruling the Communist sphere.

He said that it would be essential to "establish our front line on the enemy's continent."

His statement was made as the Navy was winding up its case against the United States, emphasis on the Air Force's B-36 inter-continental bomber, which is designed to deliver atom bombs.—Reuter.

servants to be paid (at improved rates) only if they are judged acceptable to the regime.

The new Minister will be empowered to fill vacant parishes. He can dismiss unwanted priests and install clergymen regarded as reliable.

The new laws are due to become effective on November 1 when the Archbishops and Bishops themselves will become legally dependent on the Government for their appointments and their incomes.—Reuter.

# FASTER TRAIN SERVICES IN EUROPE

Brighton, October 13.

Faster and more convenient express train services across Europe were announced by railway chiefs from 20 nations here tonight. There will be more through coaches and speedier international connections, but few additional trains because Europe is still short of rolling stock as a result of the war.

These results of the eight-day European Railway Time Table Conference were revealed at a press conference here today.

One of the biggest improvements is a 24-hour cut in the travelling time between London and Istanbul by the Simpon-Orient Express. From next May, when European summer time tables take effect, this journey can be made in 84 hours, against the 108 hours it takes today. But this is still 12 hours more than the pre-war time for the 2,178-mile trip.

The travelling time from Paris to Belgrade on the Simpon-Orient Express will be cut by about 12 hours.

Other achievements of the Conference: A new daily train in July, August and early September from Bologna to Garmisch (Switzerland), connecting with a special new service leaving London at 4.30 in the afternoon.

A speed-up of the Arlberg-Orient Express by one hour in each direction between Paris and Vienna.

A speed-up of the Scandinavia-

Switzerland-Italy Express by more than two hours in each direction between Milan and Rome.

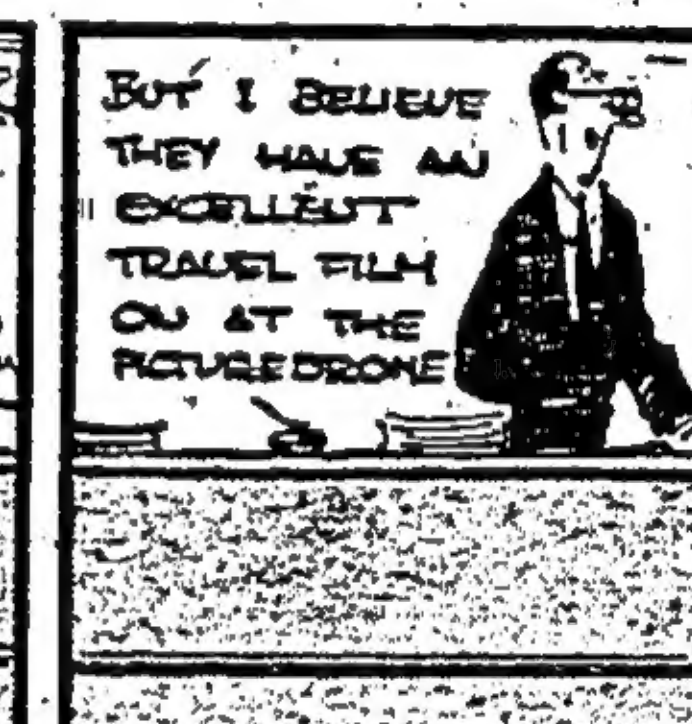
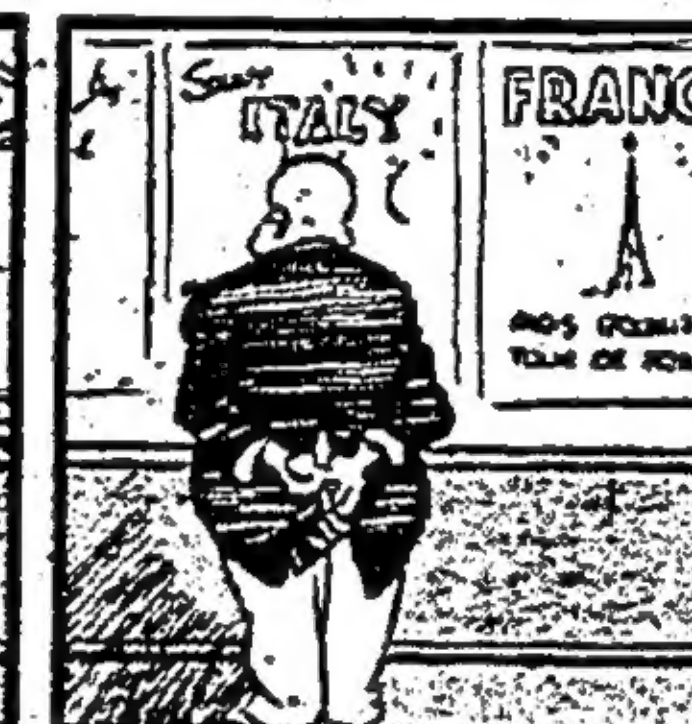
A second connection between Scandinavia and Italy, with through coaches from Copenhagen to Venice.

The service provides for departure from Copenhagen in the evenings and arrival in Milan at about one o'clock in the afternoon on the third day.

The day service between Amsterdam and Basel will be considerably accelerated. New through services have been arranged for the Holy Year (1950) celebrations to link Belgium and Holland with Rome.

The travelling time between Paris and Rome has been cut to less than 24 hours by speeding up the express service via Modena. The Ostend-Prague and Ostend-Vienna sections of the Orient Express have been speeded up by three hours through a reorganisation of customs and Belgian frontier control. The Orient Express will now convey third-class coaches along the entire route.—Reuter.

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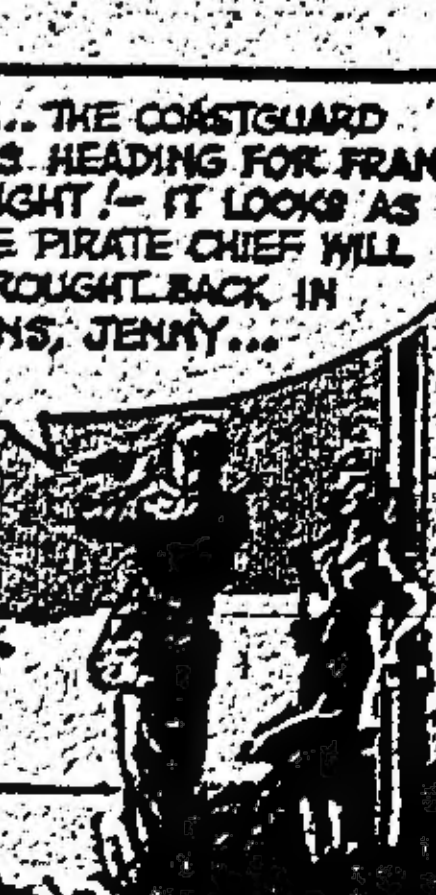


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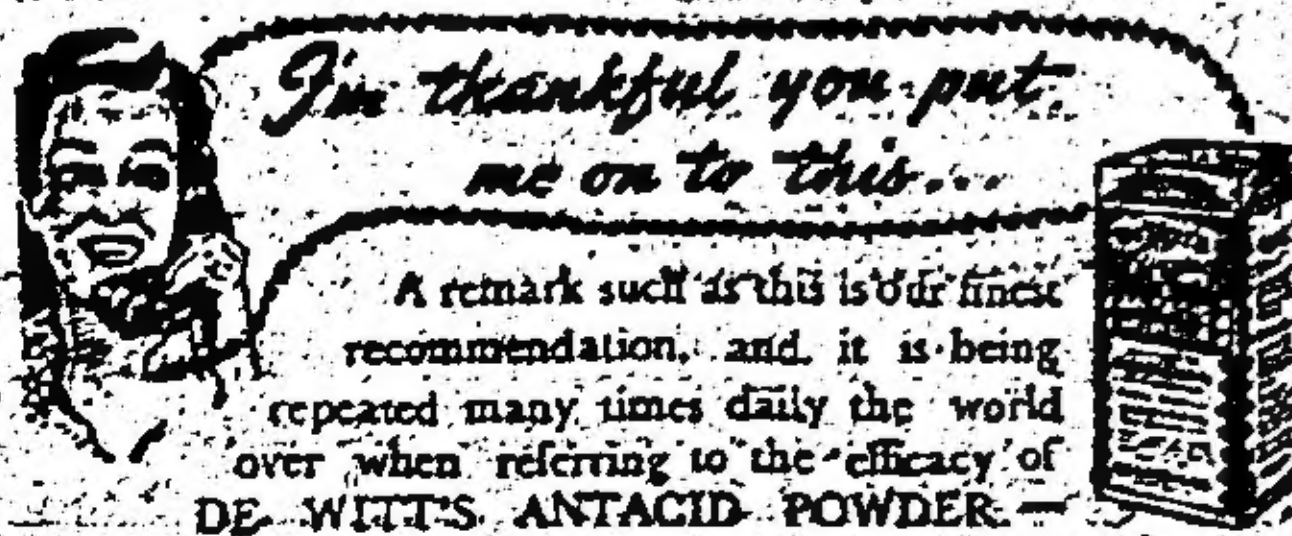
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# COMPROMISE PLAN AT HAGUE TALKS

The Hague, October 13.

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Two of the proposals submitted in the form of alternatives came from Indonesian delegates and one from the Dutch.

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## Denmark Wants Pact With Sweden

Copenhagen, October 13.

Older Bjorn Kraft, today called for broadening of Denmark's system of security alliances because of the shift in the balance of power created by the disclosure that Russia has the atomic bomb.

Mr. Kraft said a security alliance should be broadened to include Sweden, Norway, not a member of the Atlantic Pact.

"The main thing about the Atlantic Pact is not the atomic bomb but the fact that any aggression against a member country will be met by resistance from the Americans," he added.

Wellington, October 13.

Mr. Walter Nash, the New Zealand Finance Minister, today announced a Government proposal to import 440 medium and heavy agricultural tractors, with spare parts, from the United States in the first half of next year at an estimated cost of \$4,300,000.

During the same period, it was proposed to import \$160,000 worth of American grading machines, he added.

## Europe May Return To Peasantry

Rome, October 13.

Europe faces a return to peasantry unless it can sell its industrial goods abroad, a 11-nation meeting of European food exporters agreed today.

They prepared an urgent appeal to the rest of the world to buy Europe's products so that Europe can in turn buy food for its under-nourished peoples.

The appeal is being drafted in Rome by a regional meeting of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), for presentation to the FAO's fifth world conference in Washington next month.

Lewis Mair of Switzerland, President of the meeting, told a reporter that unless Europe can sell its industrial goods it faces a "catastrophic alternative" to return to a sort of agricultural self-sufficiency.

He said that the regional meeting's report to the FAO would underline the need for a "new world order" to solve the problem of today.

Delegates from Britain, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Yugoslavia are attending the five-day meeting which began last Monday in the FAO's European headquarters in Rome.

Associated Press.

## U.S. TRACTORS FOR NZ

Wellington, October 13.

Mr. Walter Nash, the New Zealand Finance Minister, today announced a Government proposal to import 440 medium and heavy agricultural tractors, with spare parts, from the United States in the first half of next year at an estimated cost of \$4,300,000.

During the same period, it was proposed to import \$160,000 worth of American grading machines, he added.

Associated Press.

## JET INVENTOR HONOURED

London, October 13.

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle was awarded the Melchett Medal today for inventing the jet engine.

The medal is presented annually by the British Institute of Fuel for outstanding achievement in scientific work involving the use of fuel.

Associated Press.

## POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

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Unregistered correspondence only for Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at senders risk, and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 12 noon. (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1.12 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for London and Kowloon: Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Chungking and Chongqing, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Korea (via Incheon), 10 a.m.

Manila, 2 p.m.

Japan, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Parc.) 1.12 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Parcels for Canada via Vancouver BC, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Closing Times by Air

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1.12 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

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# ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

JAYA PORTS and MACASSAR		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TIBADAK"	15th Oct.	In Port
"TUTJALENKA"	30th Oct.	28th Oct.
MANILA		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN"	8th Nov.	23rd Oct.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	18th Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	28th Dec.	8th Dec.
"TIKAMPEK"	25th Jan.	

\* No passenger accommodation available.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ"	19th Oct.	In Port
"VAN HEUTSZ"	16th Nov.	13th Nov.
EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN"	8th Nov.	23rd Oct.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	18th Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	28th Dec.	8th Dec.
"TIKAMPEK"	25th Jan.	

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Transshipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to  
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JAPAN		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"STRAAT SOENDA"	24th Oct.	3rd Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	20th Nov.	2nd Dec.
"TIKAMPEK"	10th Dec.	21st Dec.

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## Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENKERK"	14th Nov.	19th Oct.
"MEERKERK"	Early Dec.	Early Nov.

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to India, Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN		
	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENKERK"	23rd Oct.	13th Nov.
"MEERKERK"	Early Nov.	Early Dec.

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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST  
VIA LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO  
s.s. "DONA AURORA" ..... 18th Oct.  
m.v. "DONA NATI" ..... Early Nov.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST  
VIA SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES  
s.s. "DONA AURORA" (Calls Japan) ..... Early Nov.  
m.v. "DONA NATI" (Calls Japan) ..... Late Nov.

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"PIONEER WAVE"	Oct. 18	
"PIONEER LAKE"	Oct. 29	

SAILING TO MANILA		
"PIONEER LAND"	Oct. 15	
"PIONEER WAVE"	Oct. 19	
"PIONEER LAKE"	Oct. 30	

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"PIONEER LAND"	Arr. Oct. 22	Sail Oct. 24
"PIONEER WAVE"	Oct. 28	Oct. 30
"PIONEER LAKE"	Nov. 8	Nov. 10
"PIONEER SEA"	Nov. 29	Dec. 1

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# 'EXTRAVAGANCES' IN THE STERLING AREA

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market during the week has suffered from neglect, and what few buyers have been around have had things very much their own way and prices have again drifted down. Towards the close, however, things have slightly improved and a more confident air has set in. Whether or not this will be maintained is in the lap of the gods, but there does seem to be a feeling of relief at the highly probable fall of Canton or that that city is on the point of being "handed over."

H.K. GOVT. BONDS  
4% Loan 1949  
5% Loan (1944 & 1945) 100b.  
5% Loan (1948) 100b. 101a. 100a.  
plus interest.

BANKS  
H.K. & S. Bank 146b. 145b. 146a.  
(Loan Rec.) 145b. 146a.  
Chartered Bank 110 1/16.  
Merrill Lynch & Co. 100a. 101a.  
Bank of East Asia 100a. 101a.

INSURANCES  
Canton Ins. 210b.  
Union Ins. 140b.  
China Underwriters 51a.  
H.K. Fire Ins. 21b.  
Donohoe 200b.

SHIPPING  
H.K. & S. Steamships 11a.  
Indo China (P&O) 92 1/2.  
(Det.) 200a.  
Shells (Steam) 63 1/2.  
Union Waterways 22a.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.  
H.K. & S. Wharves 100a.  
North Point Wharves 5 1/2.  
Shanghai Hongkong Wharves 14a.  
H.K. Docks 15 1/2.  
China Dockyards 11 1/2.  
Shanghai Dockyards 5a.  
Wharves 24b.

MINING  
Ranch Mines 140a.  
H.K. Mines 61 1/2.  
H.K. Lands 61a.  
Shanghai 180b.  
Ranch Mines 140a.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.  
H. & S. Hotels 100. 97 1/2/100a.  
Shanghai 180b.  
Ranch Mines 140a.  
H.K. Realities 150a.

PUBLIC UTILITIES  
H.K. Tramways 140b. 141a. 142 1/2/100a.  
Peak Tram (Old) 11a.  
(New) 10b.  
Star Ferry 85a.

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L. Light (Old) 11 1/2.  
(New) 8 1/2.  
H.K. Electric 29 1/2.  
Macao Electric 21 1/2.  
Sandsan Light 5 1/2.  
Telephone 15 1/2.  
Shanghai Gas.

INDUSTRIALS  
Cald. Mac. (Ord.) 22 1/2.  
Can on Ice 14 1/2.  
Cement 14 1/2.  
H.K. Paper 12 1/2.  
S. Paper 12 1/2.

STOCKS, Etc.  
Dairy Farms 17 1/2.  
Watsons 49 1/2.  
L. Crawford 15.  
Sincere X.D. 4 1/2.  
China Emporium 8a.  
Sun Co. Ltd. 2 1/2.  
Kwong Sang Hong 102a.  
Wing On (H.K.) 72a.  
Wm. Powell Ltd. 9 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS  
China Entertainment 14a.  
H.K. Constructions (Old) 2 1/2.  
(New) 2a.  
Vibro Pillars 15a.  
Marman Investments 9 1/2.  
Marman 14a.  
Shanghai Loan 130a.  
Yankees 270a.

COTTONS  
Ewos 150b.

## Money Market

The pending occupation of Canton by the Communists had no effect on the local money market except that there were more sellers of industrial gold than buyers.

US dollars dropped to HK\$5.98 shortly after the opening but in the afternoon the rate went up again to \$6.07.

The rate was put through from HK\$26.02 to \$26.03.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$15.60, as also were Australian pounds at HK\$11.20.

Piastres were stationary at HK\$11.90 a 100.

Ticals at HK\$22 a 100 were unchanged.

NEI builders opened at HK\$25.20 a 100, and closed at \$25.10.

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The financial editor of the Liberal "Manchester Guardian," writing today under the heading "Sterling Area Extravagances," said that unless unrequited exports are checked at once, devaluation will have been useless.

The prices of British goods will merely be driven up by increased demand from the Sterling Area and other soft currency countries, he stated.

Yet Sir Samuel Groppe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday that he had talked no business at all with Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, last week-end.

Saying that India, Pakistan and South Africa imported three to four and a half times as much (in volume) from the United States and Canada in 1948 as in 1938, the financial editor added:

"There were similar increases by Malaya and Ceylon, though in absolute size they were less important."

He observed that the increase in imports from North America was not due to any general shortage of supplies from Britain, as often supposed.

"There was, in fact, a large increase in imports from the United Kingdom: after allowing for the rise in prices, imports from Britain to all the Sterling Area countries were little short of double the pre-war volume."

"Moreover, the increases occurred in much the same commodity groups as the expansion of imports from the United States."

After tabulating the value of imports by certain Sterling Area countries from the United States and from Britain during 1938 and 1948, the financial editor said:

"India and Pakistan benefited from a more than three-fold rise in their export prices."

"These countries were able to finance a vast increase in dollar imports without a proportionate increase in the volume of exports, but the temptation to buy still more proved so great that the pre-war surplus with North America was turned into a deficit."

"If countries such as India and Pakistan have to reduce their imports, it will slow down their development and add to inflationary pressure, and intensify unrest."

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## New York Stock Exchange

New York, October 13. A swift forward surge in the stock market today was cut back by stiff selling resistance. There was only a small net gain at the close. Transfers 1,790,000—the highest this year; 123 gained new highs for the year. A proposal calling for a 10-cent advance in the price of coal as his price for ending the coal strike dampened the buying spirit in Wall Street. Among gainers were Admiral Corporation, Hilton Hotels, Steel Oil, Allied Chemical, Zenith Radio, McIntyre Porcupine and Texas Company.

Among losers were Graham Paige, Santa Fe, American Airlines, Dow Chemical and Paramount, Benguet Consolidated.

Dow Jones averages:  
Stocks 88.59.  
20 Industrials 186.72.  
15 Rails 49.63.  
10 Utilities 38.05.  
Closing quotations:  
Adams Express 21 1/2.  
Alaska Juneau 3 1/2.  
American Can 98.  
American Smelting 47 1/2.  
American Telephone 143 1/2.  
American Tobacco 73 1/2.  
American Waterworks 74 1/2.  
Anaconda Copper 28 1/2.  
Aviation Corp. 5 1/2.  
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2.  
Barnsdall 51 1/2.  
Bendix Aviation 32.  
Bethlehem Steel 29 1/2.  
Boeing Aircraft 21.  
Borden Co. 46 1/2.  
Canadian Pacific 133 1/2.  
J. I. Case 35 1/2.  
Chrysler 53 1/2.  
Colgate 41 1/2.  
Commercial Solvents 17 1/2.  
Corn Products 64.  
Du Pont 54 1/2.  
Eastman Kodak 43 1/2.  
General Electric 38.  
General Motors 65 1/2.  
Goodrich 63 1/2.  
Goodyear 40 1/2.  
Homestake Mining 46 1/2.  
International Harvester 27.  
International Paper 63 1/2.  
International Tel. & Tel. 9 1/2.  
Johns Manville 42 1/2.  
Kennecott Copper 47 1/2.  
Montgomery Ward 51 1/2.  
National Lumber 21.  
National Lead 32 1/2.  
New York Central 10 1/2.  
Packard Motors 4.  
Pan American Airways 2.  
Pennsylvania R.R. 14 1/2.  
Radio Corp. 12 1/2.  
Remington Rand 10 1/2.  
Republic Steel 21 1/2.  
Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2.  
Schlitz 29 1/2.  
Sears Roebuck 42 1/2.  
Shell Oil 38 1/2.  
Socoh Vacuum 15 1/2.  
Southern Pacific 44 1/2.  
Standard Brands 22.  
Standard Oil of Calif. 69.  
Standard Oil of N.J. 72 1/2.  
Studebaker 25.  
Union Carbide 40 1/2.  
U.S. Rubber 23 1/2.  
U.S. Lines 15 1/2.  
Westinghouse 27 1/2.  
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 68 1/2.  
Gen. Pub. Utilities 15 1/2.  
Associated Press.

The fifteenth week of the new fiscal year ends today with the Government spending at a dizzy rate which ensures a huge deficit.

The Government has cost taxpayers more than US\$12,000,000,000 in the past 15 weeks. The Treasury is about US\$2,000,000,000 in the red for the fiscal year so far despite the labour of taxpayers who are paying a greater sum into the Treasury in this fiscal year than in the corresponding period a year ago.

A startling and significant fact emerging from the Treasury's daily statement of its operations is not the big deficit figure. It is the fact that expenditure so far in this fiscal year already is about US\$2,500,000,000 greater than for the corresponding period in 1948.

If Government costs had been held to last year's figure so far in the new fiscal year the United States would now have a fat surplus and maybe some chance of a further tax reduction.

That year ago there was a surplus of nearly US\$500,000,000 in the first 15 weeks. Final figures of the first 15 weeks will not be reported for several days. But as of last Monday the Government had spent US\$11,801,600,471. At that rate of spending the figures for the entire fiscal year will be around US\$41,600,000,000 and if the deficit continues to accumulate at its present rate the Treasury will have a deficit when the fiscal year ends on June 30 of US\$30,512,000,000.—United Press.

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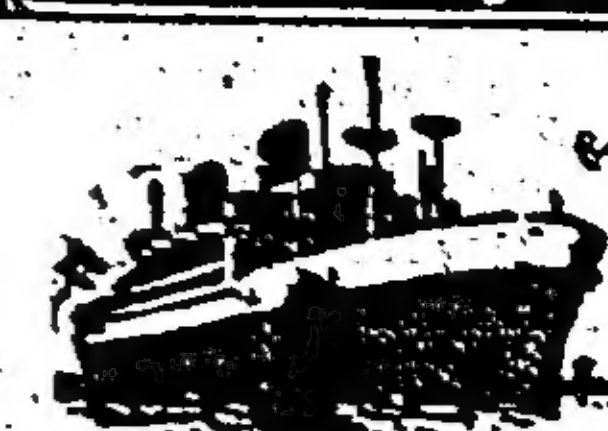
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## AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

The Global Fleet

TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO  
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"President Cleveland" ..... Arr. Oct. 15 Sails Oct. 16  
"President Wilson" ..... Arr. Nov. 4 Sails Nov. 5  
"General Gordon" ..... Arr. Nov. 4 Sails Nov. 5

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES  
via JAPAN

"President Madison" ..... Arr. Oct. 26 Sails Oct. 27  
"President Pierce" ..... Arr. Nov. 8 Sails Nov. 9

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON  
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"President Johnson" ..... Arr. Nov. 23 Sails Nov. 24

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PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES,  
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"President Polk" ..... Arr. Oct. 20 Sails Oct. 21  
"Mount Davis" ..... Arr. Nov. 4 Sails Nov. 5

TO JAVA & STRAITS  
"President Johnson" ..... Arr. Oct. 21 Sails Oct. 22  
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"BENNEVIS" ..... Japan In Port  
"BENWYVIS" ..... U.K. via Singapore 17th Oct.

"BENVENUE" ..... do 27th Oct.  
"BENLEDI" ..... do 31st Oct.  
"BENLAVERS" ..... do 19th Nov.  
"BENRINNES" ..... do 21st Nov.  
"BENARTY" ..... do 23rd Nov.  
"BENVORLICH" ..... do 10th Dec.

SAILINGS

SHIP TO LOADING  
"BENAVON" ..... London, Antwerp, K/Wharf  
"BENNEVIS" ..... Rotterdam, Ham- 30th Oct.  
"BENLAVERS" ..... burg & Hull 23rd Nov.

"BENNEVIS" ..... Liverpool, Glasgow, Buoy A-10  
"BENARTY" ..... Dublin, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg 20th Dec.







